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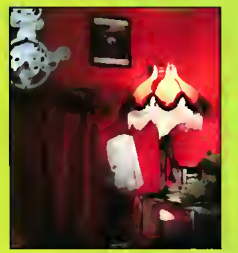

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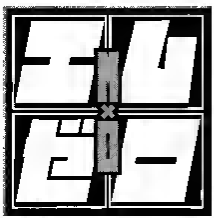

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PLEASE DON'T MiSUNDERSTAND, THAT'S...
...YOU TELL ME TO NOT MiSUNDERSTAND BUT...
I..
DON'T REALLY THINK THAT WHAT YOU DO WITH OTHER PEOPLE MATTERS TO ME..

COULD THIS BE THE WORST PINCH SO FAR..!?

URGH.. DEFINITELY!!
EVEN THOUGH THAT'S TRUE...
...EVEN THOUGH THAT'S WHAT I SAY..
SEEING KUZUMI-KUN LIKE THAT, A BAD FEELING CAME OUT
NO! STOP!!

THAT WASN'T A CONFESSION !!
A MORE GENTLE CONFESSION WOULD HAVE BEEN...
NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU LOVE HER, DON'T YOU THINK IT'S BAD IF YOU'RE THAT FORCEFUL?
ALTHOUGH IT'S NONE OF MY CONCERN,
THE ONE I LOVE IS...
I DON'T HAVE ANY FEELINGS FOR THAT PERSON.
IT WAS BECAUSE OF THAT WEIRD HERB.
!!?
HYU HYU !
WHAT'S WRONG? WHAT ABOUT THE ONE YOU LOVE?
HEY, WAIT
.....
OH OH IT'S HOT!
KYA

WAAA... KUZUMI-KUN...
PLEASE FOLLOW ME, FOR NOW ~~~!!!
WHERE'S THE DRUG MAKER CLUB?
HUH? THERE'S NOTHING HERE.
WHERE'S THE DRUG MAKER CLUB ROOM?
THIS IS A PROBLEM FOR ME. I HAVE TO MAKE THEM GIVE ME AN EXPLANATION ON THAT MEDICINAL PLANT.
WHAT?
AH, JUST NOW THE CLUB MEMBERS CAME AND PACKED UP.
WHAT? SUCH FAST WORK!

HONESTLY IT'S FINE.
IT'S NONE OF MY CONCERN WHO KUZUMI-KUN LIKES...
IT'S NOT FINE FOR ME ~!!
I KNOW WHERE THE CLUB ROOM IS..
REALLY!?
ON THE EAST STAIRCASE OF THE FIRST FLOOR, THERE'S A DRUG MAKER CLUB SHOP, SO IT'S PROBABLY THERE.
THANK YOU.
E~~H, AGAIN ...?

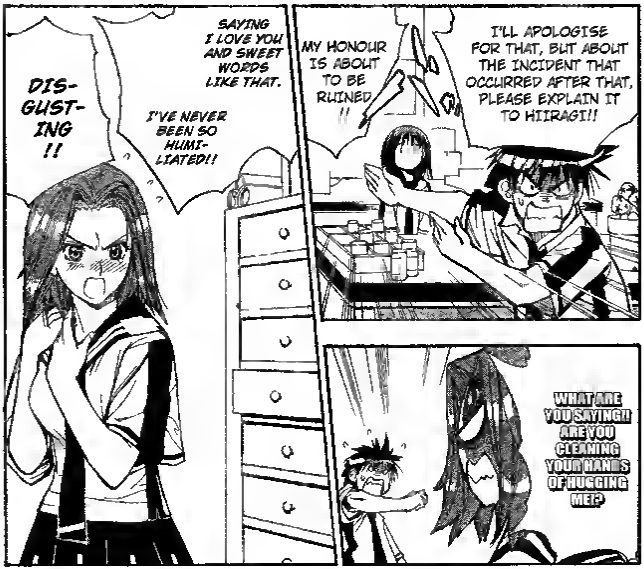
THIS IS SOMEWHAT...
GOING TO BECOME INTERESTING?

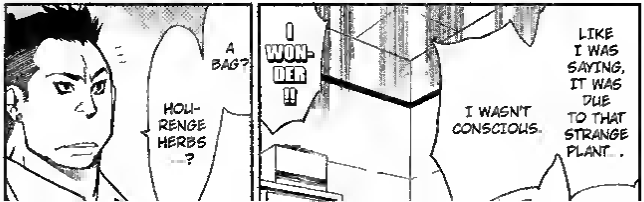
Drug Maker
HI, WELCOME
THAT COMES TO 500 YEN
SORRY
THAT HERB IS OUT OF STOCK

HUH ~~ THERE'S SUCH A PLACE LIKE THIS. .
IT REALLY IS A MEDICINE SHOP.
? A CUS-TOMER.
A~~~H! YOU AGAIN ...
WHAT DID YOU COME HERE FOR, YOU DEGEN-ERATE !!?
W- WHO'S A DEGENE-RATE?!
YOU! ISN'T IT OB-VIOUS ?
YOU TOUCHED ME ALL OVER!!
THAT'S EVEN TERRIBLY HURTFUL
HEY YOU! WHAT'S ALL THIS FUSS IN THE SHOP?
THAT'S NOT IT, HIIRAGI!!!

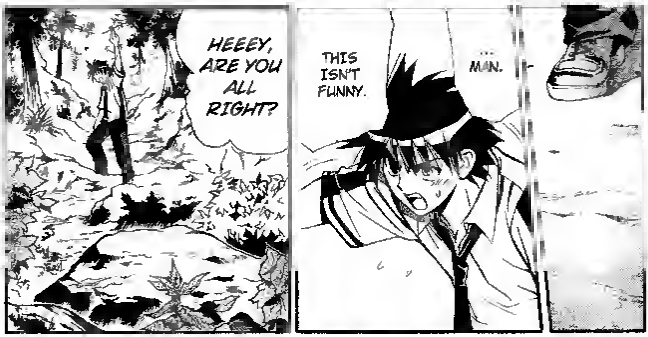
CLUB PRESIDENT, IT'S THIS GUY!! THE DEGENERATE I WAS TAKING ABOUT EARLIER..
WH...
AN ACQUAINTANCE OF YOURS, MIZUKI?
LET'S GO TO THE BACK FOR A BIT...
THANKS TO YOU, WE'VE HAD TO STOP THE RECRUITMENT FOR NEW MEMBERS.
CRASH
HUH?
SO IT'S YOU!? YOU MADE THE QUICK MUSCLE EXHIBITION SAMPLE GO TO WASTE BY KNOCKING IT OVER!!
IT?
UMM
THE MISUNDER-STANDING...
PLEASE WAIT. I DIDN'T COME HERE FOR THIS MATTER...

IT WAS AN INCIDENT CAUSED BY ESCAPING THE OTHER CLUBS' RECRUITMENTS.
HA~N I SEE... SO THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED.


SAYING I LOVE YOU AND SWEET WORDS LIKE THAT.
I'VE NEVER BEEN SO HUMI-LIATED!!
DIS-GUST-ING !!
MY HONOUR IS ABOUT TO BE RUINED !!
I'LL APOLOGISE FOR THAT, BUT ABOUT THE INCIDENT THAT OCCURRED AFTER THAT, PLEASE EXPLAIN IT TO HIIRAGI!!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!! ARE YOU CLEANING YOUR HANDS OF HUGGING ME?


A BAG?
HOU-RENGE HERBS ...?
I WON-DER !!
I WASN'T CONSCIOUS.
LIKE I WAS SAYING, IT WAS DUE TO THAT STRANGE PLANT.

!!
HMM, THAT'S ...
AH, NO.
IF IT'S THE CLUB PRESIDENT, HE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THAT PLANT.
SOME KIND OF HYPNOTISM GAS CAME OUT, RIGHT?
WH...
IF I HAD THE REAL THING, I COULD VERIFY THIS FOR YOU, BUT THE ONE YOU SMELT WAS THE LAST OF OUR STOCK
AND I CRUSHED IT UP AND SOLD IT
SORRY, BUT I DON'T REMEMBER TOO WELL.
INDEED, I FEEL THERE SHOULD BE A DELUSIONAL ATTRIBUTE IN IT.
HOW ABOUT IT? WOULD YOU GO TO THE MOUNT BEHIND THE SCHOOL [illegible] IT?
THAT'S ...
WELL, IF YOU REALLY WANT TO VERIFY THE HOURENGE HERB'S POWER...


HEEEY, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
THIS ISN'T FUNNY.
... MAN.

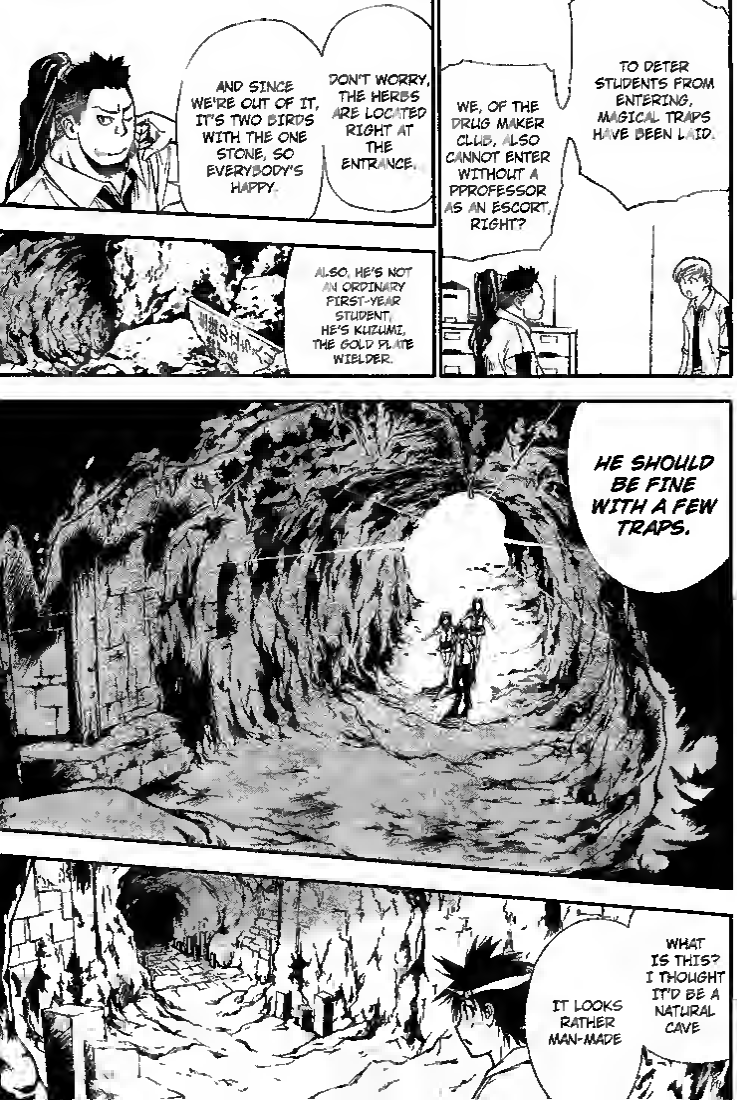
GEEZ~~~ WHY ME AS WELL ...

WHY SHOULD I DO THAT?
RIGHT NOW, I'M DRAWING YOU A MAP SO YOU CAN GO AFTER SCHOOL
HOURENGE HERB IS A SPECIAL PLANT THAT ONLY GROWS IN A CERTAIN PLACE.
THEN KICK HIM IN THE BALLS.
THAT'S...
MAKE AN EXPE-RIENCE OF IT.
FOR OUR CLUB MEMBERS, PICKING MEDICINAL HERB IS STANDARD WORK
B-BUT WITH THIS GUY...
IF HE DOES SOME-THING WEIRD ...
URGH ...
BY THE WAY, IF YOU DO THIS, I'LL CALL IT EVEN FOR THE POTION THAT YOU WASTED
NO REASON, BUT IT'S YOUR PROBLEM RIGHT?
EH? ME AS WELL ?
OH AND MIZUKI!! YOU SHOULD GO WITH HIM
ONLY THE TWO ?
AS... AS IF I WOULD !!
GEEZ— THIS IS THE WORST, THANKS TO YOU!!
IF YOU DO SOMETHING STRANGE JUST BECAUSE IT'S ONLY THE TWO OF US, I'M SERIOUSLY GOING TO KICK YOU.

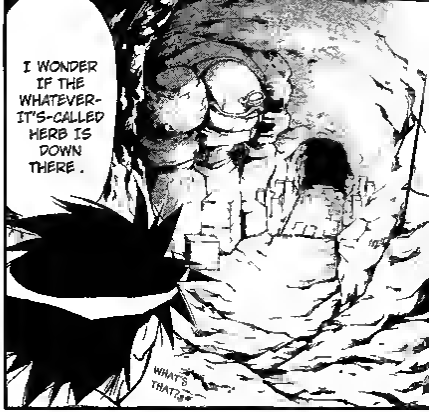
E-EXCUSE ME...
IS IT OKAY IF I GO ALONG WITH THEM?
PHEW, THIS IS PRETTY FAR.
YOU ALL RIGHT? PRETTY CURIOUS, AREN'T YOU?
TAGGING ALONG WITH US FOR SUCH A THING.
THANK YOU.
OHISSEI
AH I HAVEN'T INTRODUCED MYSELF YET.
I'M HIIRAGI AIKA FROM 1-C
AAH, YOU'RE HIIRAGI-SENSEI'S DAUGHTER RIGHT?
I'M MIZUKI NAOMI OF 1-F. PLEASED TO MEET YOU.

HUH ?
HEY, HIIRAGI-SAN, WERE YOU COURTED BY THAT GUY AS WELL?
HE REALLY COULD HAVE DONE TH. IT BECAUSE HE'S ALWAYS THINKING ABOUT SUCH THINGS.!!
THE FACT HE CLING ON TO ME COULD BE BECAUSE OF THE MEDICINAL PLANT, BUT...
.....
HE DOESN'T SEEM GOOD ENOUGH.
SHOULDN'T YOU BE MORE CAREFUL?
KUZUMI-KUN ISN'T LIKE THAT!!
IT FELT LIKE HE WAS FEASTING HIS EYES ALL OVER ME.
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, FROM THE VERY START HE HAS HAD A PERVERTED LOOK IN HIS EYES.
UMM. WELL, PROBA-BLY
... HUH.

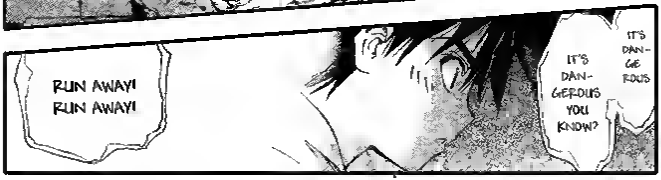
HEEEY! I FOUND IT!!
I WONDER WHY I CAME...
IT'S PROBABLY THAT.
BUT ISN'T THAT AREA OFF-LIMITS FOR STUDENTS !?
Drug Maker
EH~~~? PRESIDENT, THEY'VE REALLY GONE?


TO DETER STUDENTS FROM ENTERING, MAGICAL TRAPS HAVE BEEN LAID.
WE, OF THE DRUG MAKER CLUB, ALSO CANNOT ENTER WITHOUT A PPROFESSOR AS AN ESCORT, RIGHT?
DON'T WORRY, THE HERBS ARE LOCATED RIGHT AT THE ENTRANCE.
AND SINCE WE'RE OUT OF IT, IT'S TWO BIRDS WITH THE ONE STONE, SO EVERYBODY'S HAPPY.
ALSO, HE'S NOT AN ORDINARY FIRST-YEAR STUDENT, HE'S KUZUMI, THE GOLD PLATE WIELDER.
HE SHOULD BE FINE WITH A FEW TRAPS.
WHAT IS THIS? I THOUGHT IT'D BE A NATURAL CAVE
IT LOOKS RATHER MAN-MADE

WE HAVE NO CHOICE
IS IT SAFE...? IT LOOKS SOMEWHAT SCARY


I WONDER IF THE WHATEVER-IT'S-CALLED HERB IS DOWN THERE.
WHAT'S THAT?

WATCH YOUR FOOTING
WAA, WHOA...


RUN AWAY! RUN AWAY!
IT'S DAN-GER-OUS YOU KNOW?
IT'S DAN-GE-ROUS

WHO'S THAT?
?

THE MYSTERIOUS CAVE IN THE MOUNT BEHIND THE SCHOOL IS...!!
TO HAVE SUCH AN OPPONENT, WHAT SHOULD THEY DO!?
GAAH... WHAT IS IT?
THIS THING MOVES !!?
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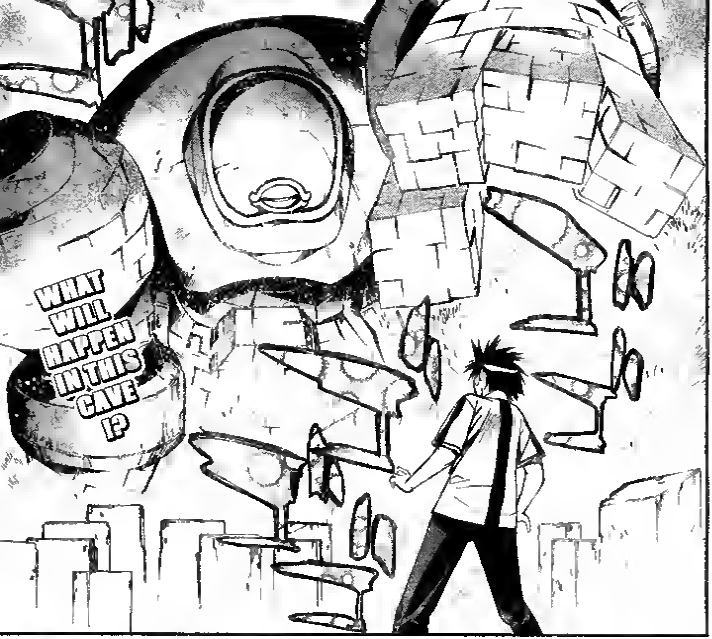

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29: A STRANGE CAVE

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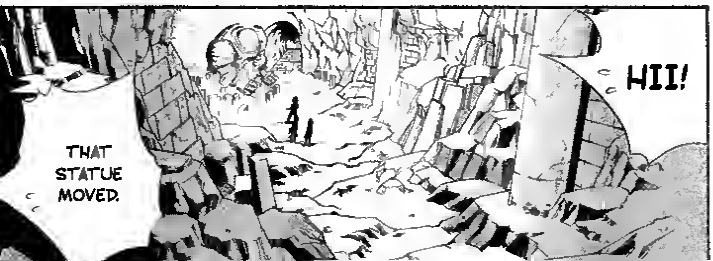
KUZUMI, WHO HAD CLUNG TO MIZUKI BECAUSE OF THE MAGIC POWER OF SOME STRANGE MAGICAL PLANT, THE HOURENSO HERB, HAS GONE IN SEARCH FOR SOME IN THE MOUNT AT THE BACK OF THE SCHOOL IN ORDER TO CLEAR THE MISUNDERSTANDING WITH AIKA, BUT...!?



!!?
GO BACK TO THE REAR.
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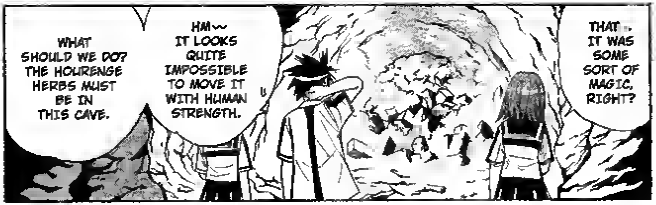
WHAT THE... IT SURPRISED ME THAT IT BROKE DOWN WITHOUT DOING ANYTHING.
BUT ISN'T THE WAY COMPLETELY BLOCKED?


WHAT SHOULD WE DO? THE HOURENGE HERBS MUST BE IN THIS CAVE.
HMM~ IT LOOKS QUITE IMPOSSIBLE TO MOVE IT WITH HUMAN STRENGTH.
THAT... IT WAS SOME SORT OF MAGIC, RIGHT?

!?
WHO IS IT ALREADY !?
YOU'VE BEEN HEARING MY VOICE MY VOICE FOR A WHILE, RIGHT?
HEY, HEY
AH, ME TOO...
I WONDER IF THERE IS ANOTHER WAY... I'M GOING TO SEARCH A BIT

I'M HERE, HERE!

YES, THIS WAY!!

GYAAAH

GUHH, I'LL DO MY BEST!

A MANDRAKE, THAT'S WHAT WE USED IN THAT PREVIOUS LESSON.

? THOSE LEAVES... I'VE SEEN THEM BEFORE...

HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT ME...?

YOU CAN HEAR ME, KUZUMI-KUN.

ALTHOUGH MY VOICE REACHES ALMOST NO ONE WHO COMES TO THIS MOUNT.

I'M A MAN-DRAKE.

USUALLY THE MAGIC PLATES PROTECT AGAINST FEEBLE MAGIC EMITTED TO PLANTS AND SUCH.

PLEASE REFER TO M:3 IN VOL 1 NOW ON SALE.

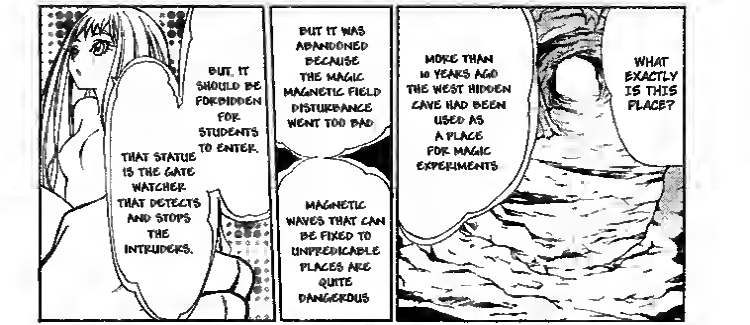
MOUNT SEINAGI MANDRAKES SHARE IMAGES THROUGH A MAGIC WEB.

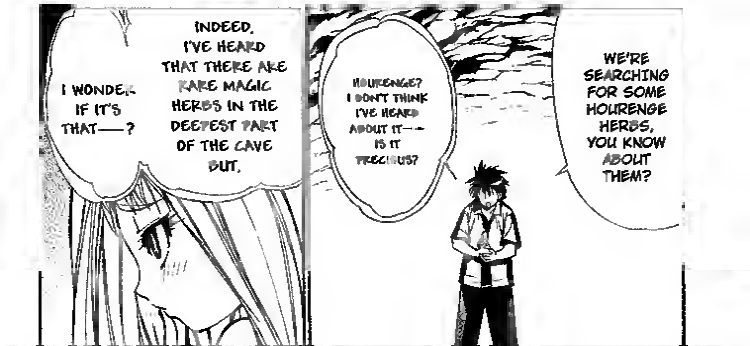
EVERYONE AMONGST THE MANDRAKES OF THE MOUNT KNOWS ABOUT IT.

BECAUSE YOU CRIED FOR ONE OF MY BRETHREN'S DEATH IN THAT EXPERIMENT.

WHAT BUSINESS DO YOU HAVE IN THIS CAVE ?
IF IT'S FOR YOU, I CAN GUIDE YOU AROUND.
GUIDE ME? FOR REAL?
PLEASE, REMOVE ME GENTLY.
LIKE THIS ?
HA——
BEING OUTSIDE OF THE GROUND ISN'T BAD EITHER.
DAH!
YAAAN ECCHI.
DON'T STARE AT ME.
I'M LUCY. IT'S ALREADY BEEN 30 YEARS SINCE I STARTED DROWNING HERE.

(LUCY)
A WILD KIND OF MANDRAKE. SOME OF HER MAGIC IS HIGHER COMPARED TO THE ONES CULTIVATED IN SEINAGE SCHOOL. THE PERSONIFICATION (ILLUSION) IS MORE ADVANCED TOO.
HOWEVER, SHE CAN STILL BE SHUT OUT IF A MAGIC PLATE IS WORKING. SHE HAS A LONG LIFE SPAN OF APPROXIMATELY 200 YEARS.
AH... I SEE ...
WELL, IT ONLY MAKES 15 YEARS FOR A HUMAN——


BUT, IT SHOULD BE FORBIDDEN FOR STUDENTS TO ENTER.
THAT STATUE IS THE GATE WATCHER. THAT DETECTS AND STOPS THE INTRUDERS.
BUT IT WAS ABANDONED BECAUSE THE MAGIC MAGNETIC FIELD DISTURBANCE WENT TOO BAD
MAGNETIC WAVES THAT CAN BE FIXED TO UNPREDICABLE PLACES ARE QUITE DANGERDUS
MORE THAN 10 YEARS AGO THE WEST HIDDEN CAVE HAD BEEN USED AS A PLACE FOR MAGIC EXPERIMENTS
WHAT EXACTLY IS THIS PLACE?


I WONDER IF IT'S THAT——?
INDEED, I'VE HEARD THAT THERE ARE RARE MAGIC HERBS IN THE DEEPEST PART OF THE CAVE BUT,
HOURENGE? I DON'T THINK I'VE HEARD ABOUT IT—— IS IT PRECIOUS?
WE'RE SEARCHING FOR SOME HOURENGE HERBS, YOU KNOW ABOUT THEM?

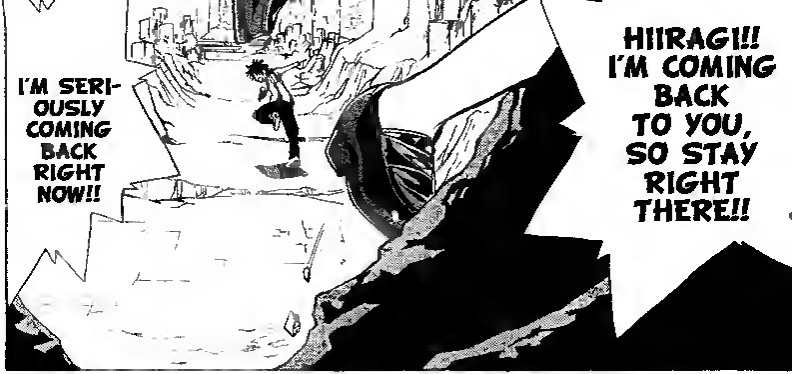
AS I THOUGHT ... IN THE HEART OF THE CAVE...?
BUT THE WAY HAS BEEN BLOCKED.
AH, BUT I KNOW A HIDDEN WAY.
!!?
IT SEEMS THAT DOGOO (THE STATUE) IN THE WEST HIDDEN CAVE TO THE BACK OF THE SCHOOL HAS REACTED TO SOMETHING
I'M WORRIED THAT SOMEONE COULD HAVE GOTTEN INSIDE.
HII-BACHI-SENSEI !!
WELL, WITH A STUDENT'S POWER, YOU CAN'T PASS THROUGH DOGOO, RIGHT?
BUT THE TRAPS WE LEFT INSIDE ARE DANGEROUS...
SHOULD I GO HAVE A LOOK?
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND THE HIDDEN ROOM IN THE HEART OF THE CAVE UNLESS YOU ARE A TEACHER, RIGHT...?
IT'S NOT KUZUMI, RIGHT...?
IT COULDN'T BE...

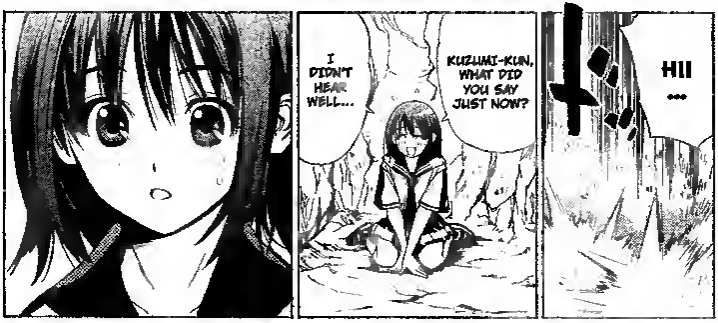
LOOK, HERE.
AT FIRST, IT LOOKS LIKE A ROCK, BUT...
WHERE? WHERE?
A HIDDEN PASSAGE?
SEE, A VACANT HOLE.
IT'S PROBABLY ANOTHER TRICK, RIGHT?
HMP AH, I FOUND IT A MOMENT AGO.
I THOUGHT I COULD TAKE IT AS COMPENSATION IF THE HOURENGE HERBS WEREN'T HERE...
APART FROM THAT, WHAT'S THAT? THERE.
A MANDRAKE?
Tied in the necktie
AS YOU WOULD EXPECT OF KUZUMI-KUN, YOU FOUND IT WELL.
ALTHOUGH IT'S A SMALL PASSAGE...
YES, IT'S ALL RIGHT
WELL, I'LL GO FIRST TO SEE.
I WONDER IF IT'S DANGEROUS...?
THEY REALLY CAN'T SEE YOU...

IT'S A BIT HIGH, SO BE CAREFUL.
OK, I'M GOING NEXT.
!! THE LEGS HAVE COME IN.
NSHO... N..
...AH !!!
AH... NO!!

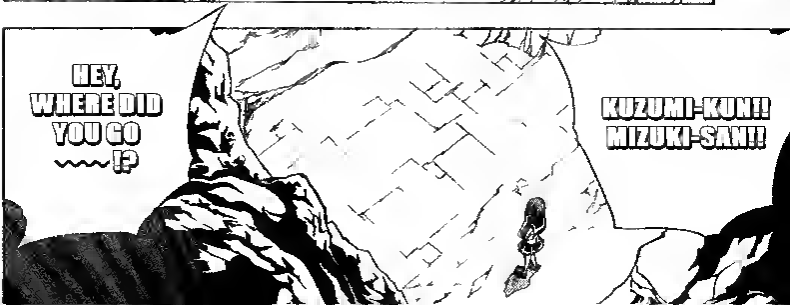
KYA
!!
STOP, DON'T LOOK!!
E... EVEN THOUGH YOU SAY NOT TO LOOK, THIS IS
WAIT A MINUTE, YOU'RE NOT LOOKING, RIGHT!?
EYES LOCKED ON!
IYAAA

I'M GOING ALONE.
I REALLY DON'T WANT TO BE WITH YOU!!
WAIT, THAT WASN'T MY INTENTION.
YOU PLANNED TO GO FIRST DIDN'T YOU? YOU'RE THE WORST !!!
GEEZ ~~~ THAT'S WHAT YOU WERE AIMING FOR, RIGHT?
HEEEY !!
LEAVE ME ALONE!!
IDIOT, GOING ALONE IS DANGEROUS !!
KUH... BUT NOW...
HII-RAGI ...
HEY IS THAT ALL RIGHT ?


I'M SERIOUSLY COMING BACK RIGHT NOW!!
HIIRAGI!! I'M COMING BACK TO YOU, SO STAY RIGHT THERE!!

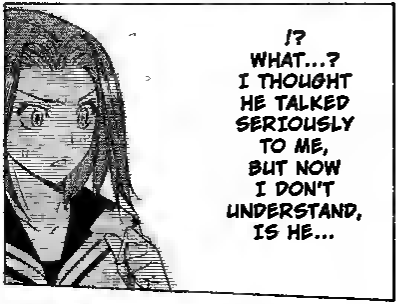

I DIDN'T HEAR WELL...
KUZUMI-KUN, WHAT DID YOU SAY JUST NOW?
HII ...

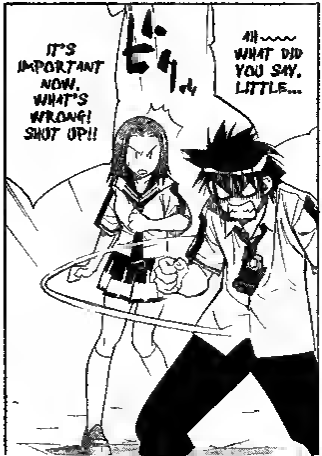
NO WAY...
HUH ...


HEY, WHERE DID YOU GO ~~~!?
KUZUMI-KUN!! MIZUKI-SAN!!

I'M TELLING YOU TO WAIT, MIZUKI!!!
HEY, DON'T FOLLOW ME!!
LET GO!!
NO!!
YOU MAY HATE ME, BUT IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE, GOING ALONE IS NO GOOD.
WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF SOMETHING HAPPENED!?
YOU CAN BAD MOUTH ABOUT ME AS MUCH AS YOU WANT, BUT STAY CLOSE!!
I CAN'T LET A WOMAN GO ALONE IN SUCH PLACE.

STINKS STINKS STINKS STINKS STINKS





KYA
AAAA
HII...
!!?
MIZUKI
!!!
HEY
!!
WHAT DID YOU SAY ~~~!?
THERE SHOULD BE A SWITCH.
AH, IT'S A TRAP.

OUCH...
WHAT IS THIS PLACE..
WH...

MIZUKI
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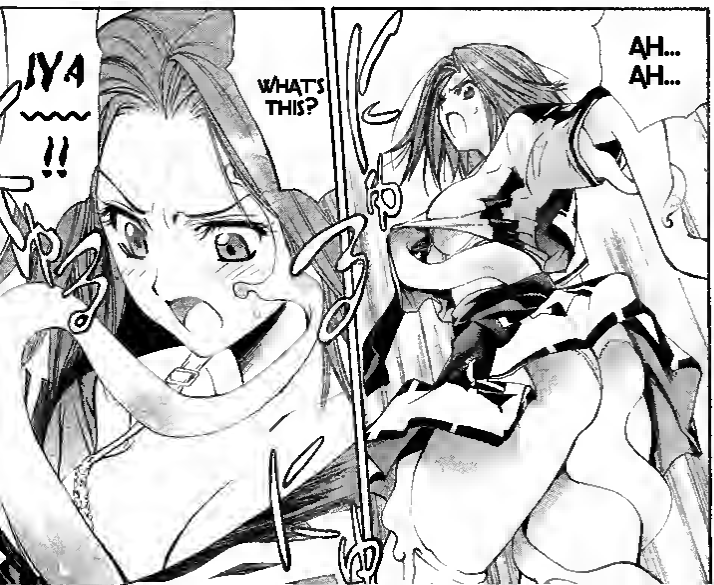
!!!

AN UNKNOWN CREATURE HAS DONE SOMETHING TO MIZUKI...!!

NO:3B MAGIC FLOWER

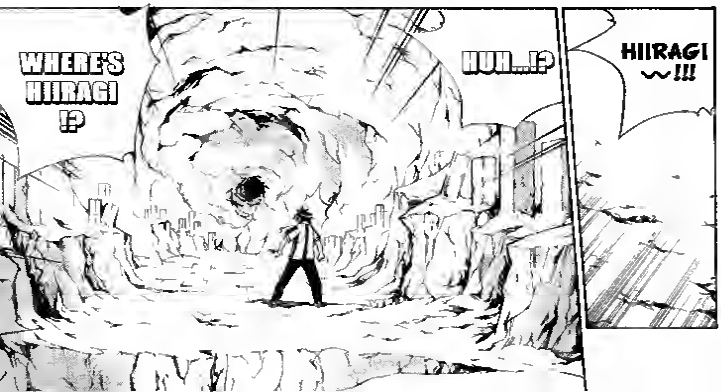
(SUMMARY)
KUZUMI HAS ENTERED INTO A MAGIC SCHOOL HIDING THE FACT THAT HE CAN'T USE MAGIC. BUT IN THE SCHOOL, HE'S FAMOUS FOR BEING THE MOST POWERFUL MAGIC USER AMONGST STUDENTS!!
TO CLEAR A MISUNDERSTANDING WITH AIKA, HE ENTERED A CAVE ON THE BACK MOUNT BUT HE'S BECOME SEPARATED FROM AIKA AND MIZUKI.
WHAT AWAITS THOSE 3 !?



!!?
HI! WHAT ...?
KYAAAAA
IYA～!! WHAT EXACTLY IS HAPPENING ...
I DON'T SEE ANY SWITCH.
WHERE IS IT?
THERE ISN'T MAGIC PREVENTING US FROM FINDING IT, RIGHT?

YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT THIS?
I'M NOT AWARE OF EACH AND EVERY TRAP
AND BESIDES, THIS IS MY FIRST TIME ENTERING THE CAVE ～～
SHE'S HAD A GRASP OF THE CAVE ASPECT FROM THE CONVERSATIONS OF PEOPLE WHO WENT IN

DAMN... IT CAN'T BE HELPED, I WILL GO BACK FOR NOW.
I CAN'T LEAVE HIIRAGI ALONE FOREVER.
THAT'S RIGHT
WHAT'S WITH YOU? WHY DON'T YOU GO HELP THE OTHER GIRL THEN?
I... I CAN'T USE YOU ...


WHERE'S HIIRAGI !?
HUH...!?
HIIRAGI ～!!!

DON'T TELL ME SHE WENT ON HER OWN...
HEEY!
HEY
WHERE ARE YOU!?
HEY
HII-RAGI
HEY
HEY
WE'RE ALL SEPA-RATED!!
THIS IS NOT FUNNY ~~~!! NOW EVEN HIIRAGI IS MISSING! WHAT SHOULD I DO?
IT WOULD BE NICE IF YOU COULD TAKE A LITTLE MORE CARE OF ME...
GEEZ— THAT'S MEAN KUZUMI-KUN, HOW COULD YOU LEAVE ME BEHIND...
BECAME INVISIBLE WITH "CLEAR CLEAN"

IT MIGHT BE A LITTLE MEAN OF ME BUT... ERASING MYSELF FOR A LITTLE BIT WILL MAKE HIM WORRY.
HII ~~
WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
THINGS HAVE TURNED AROUND. I'LL GO LOOK FOR MIZUKI FIRST AND THEN I WILL ONLY HAVE HIIRAGI LEFT TO WORRY ABOUT...
DAMN, BOTH OF YOU, PLEASE BE SAFE.
DAMN, I'M SO STUPID !!
DAMN! DAMN !!
IF I HAD TALKED TO HER CLEARLY AT THAT TIME...
...MAYBE I OVER-DID IT...
W-WAIT ~~~ !! DON'T LEAVE ME THIS TIME!!

DAMN... I'M IN A HURRY.
I HAVE TO HURRY...
COULD IT BE THAT MIZUKI-SAN IS LOST TOO?
...DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
!!?

ANYWAY, I'M GOING TO HAVE A LOOK
WH...WHAT HAPPENED? IT OPENED ON ITS OWN.
!!? MIZUKI!
WHAT'S WITH THAT OUTFIT!?

WAIT... THAT'S NOT ME!!
THE REAL ME IS RIGHT HERE!!
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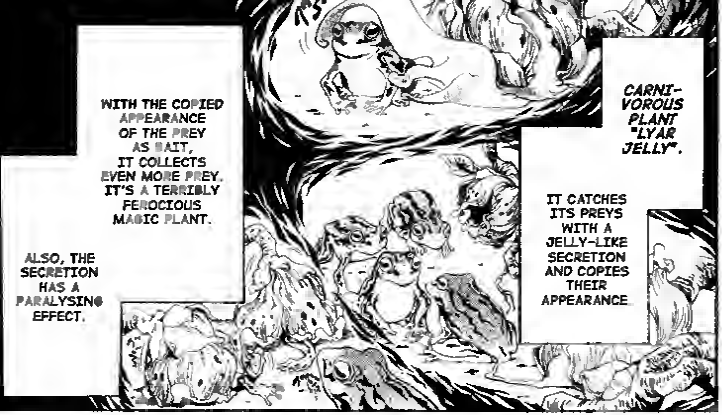
?
Hi!?
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? WHY IS MIZUKI-SAN LIKE THAT...
AAH... NO GOOD! MY STRENGTH IS BEING DRAINED I CAN'T SHOUT
THIS IS A LYAR JELLY
THIS ISN'T HUMAN
WAIT!!

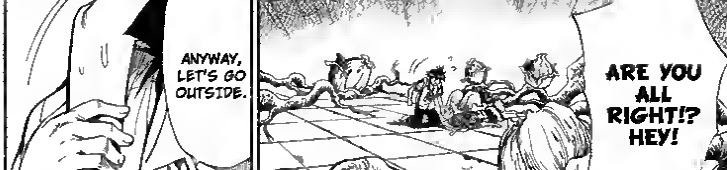

CARNI-VOROUS PLANT "LYAR JELLY".
IT CATCHES ITS PREYS WITH A JELLY-LIKE SECRETION AND COPIES THEIR APPEARANCE.
WITH THE COPIED APPEARANCE OF THE PREY AS BAIT, IT COLLECTS EVEN MORE PREY. IT'S A TERRIBLY FEROCIOUS MAGIC PLANT.
ALSO, THE SECRETION HAS A PARALYSING EFFECT.

TO EVEN BAIT HUMANS, THAT'S...
B... BAIT!?
COULD IT BE THAT IT GATHERED THE MAGIC MAGNETIC WAVES AROUND HERE...?
MAYBE BY INCREASING IT'S MAGIC POWER, IT'S GOTTEN THIS HUGE...
I DON'T KNOW OF ONE THIS BIG.
BUT A NORMAL LYAR JELLY IS A LOT SMALLER THAN THIS...

SUCH A SHAMEFUL APPEAR-ANCE...
STOP ...

HE'S GOING TO FRIVOLOUSLY GET CAUGHT RIGHT UNDER MY NOSE
IT'S NO GOOD SOMEONE LIKE HIM HAS NO REASON TO UNDERSTAND IT'S A FAKE
URAA !!
SORRY IF I'M WRONG !!!

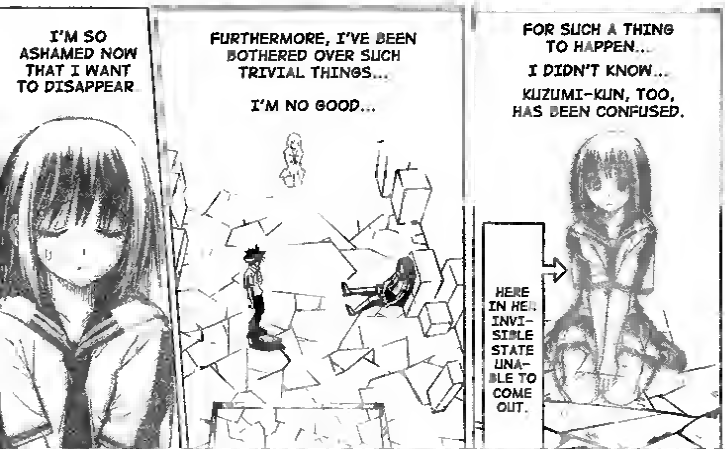
!!?
I KNEW IT, A FAKE!!
WHY...?
HUH... NO WAY.
MIZUKI～ YOU'RE HERE !!?
!! OVER THERE, RIGHT ?


ANYWAY, LET'S GO OUTSIDE.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT!? HEY!

...HOW DID YOU ...
...THAT IT WASN'T ME...?

THAT FAKE DIDN'T HAD YOUR CHARM.
YEAH, RIGHT!
IT WAS VERY OB-VIOUS.
UH— CRAP, I CAN'T SPEAK ABOUT HER...

FEELING LIKE THIS FOR HIM...
HEY, STOP IT!
WHY AM I...


I'M SO ASHAMED NOW THAT I WANT TO DISAPPEAR
FURTHERMORE, I'VE BEEN BOTHERED OVER SUCH TRIVIAL THINGS...
I'M NO GOOD...
FOR SUCH A THING TO HAPPEN...
I DIDN'T KNOW...
KUZUMI-KUN, TOO, HAS BEEN CONFUSED.
HERE IN HER INVISIBLE STATE UNABLE TO COME OUT.

I'LL GO SEARCH FOR HIIRAGI NOW.
WELL, IT SEEMS SAFE AROUND HERE.
MOST OF MY SENSES HAVE RETURNED ...
HM—— I GUESS YOU STILL CAN'T.
CAN YOU MOVE?
IT WOULD BE TOO MUCH TO LOOK FOR YOU AGAIN.
YEAH, BUT PLEASE DON'T MOVE AWAY FROM HERE.
EH? HIIRAGI-SAN IS GONE TOO?

!?
HM...
DA... WHAT HAP-PENED?
DID I HIT SOME-THING?
A VOICE HAS.
WAIT DON'T TROUBLE YOURSELF ANYMORE
AH...
HYA ...

!!? WHAT'S THIS... THAT PLEASANT SENSATION IS...
YA ～!!
WAIT... WHAT HAPPENED ...?
YOU WERE HERE HIIRAGI-SAN?
SO... SOMEHOW THE 3 ARE TOGETHER!! NOW, START AGAIN!!
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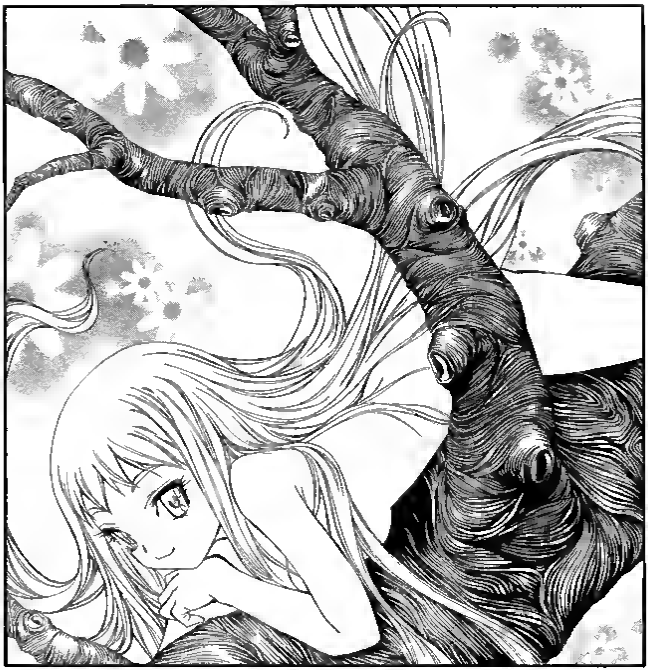
THE FACT OUR EYES MET IS BECAUSE YOU CAN'T USE MAGIC.♡

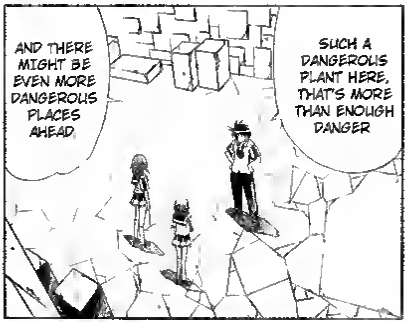


M:31 IT'S HARD TO BE A MAN

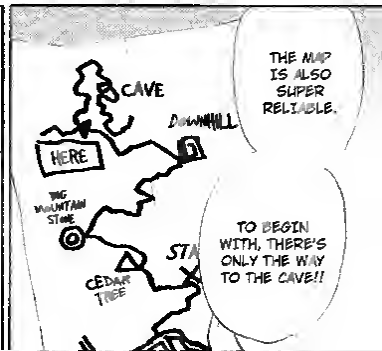
(SUMMARY)

KUZUMI HAS ENTERED INTO A MAGIC SCHOOL. HIDING THE FACT THAT HE CAN'T USE MAGIC BUT IN THE SCHOOL, HE'S FAMOUS FOR BEING THE MOST POWERFUL MAGIC USER AMONGST STUDENTS!!

SEARCHING FOR HOURENSO HERBS WITH AIKA AND MIZUKI IN A CAVE ON THE BACK MOUNT, HE WAS ATTACKED SUCCESSIVELY BY A STONE STATUE AND A MAGIC PLANT. THEY BARELY ESCAPED FROM DEATH THANKS TO LUCY, A MANDRAKE, BUT...



FEELING THAT THE DANGER ISN'T OVER...



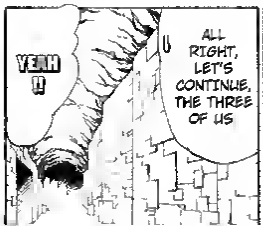
I'M GOING WITH YOU!!
WILL I MANAGE TO DO IT ALONE? AFTER ALL, THIS PLACE ISN'T VERY SAFE. WELL... LUCY IS HERE TOO.
AND IN THE WORST CASE, I HAVE MO...
YOU'RE SAYING THAT A WOMAN WILL BE A BURDEN? THAT'S TYPICAL OF A MAN
BUT THAT WASN'T MY INTENTION
THE DANGEROUS THING WOULD BE GOING ALONE IN SUCH A PLACE!
SOMEONE HAS TO FOLLOW YOU...
IT...IT'S NOT LIKE I'M WORRIED ABOUT YOU.
IT'S JUST THAT I HATE BEING RESCUED...
I JUST WANT IT TO BE EVEN BY SAVING YOU THE NEXT TIME!!

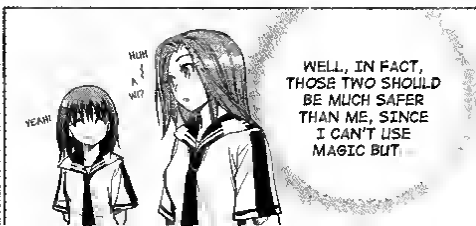
I... I'M GOING TOO!!
TWO
ANYWAY, TWO PEOPLE SHOULD REDUCE A BIT OF THE RISK FACTOR, RIGHT?

BUT, IF POSSIBLE, I WOULD LIKE TO NOT BRING YOU TWO TO DANGEROUS PLACES...

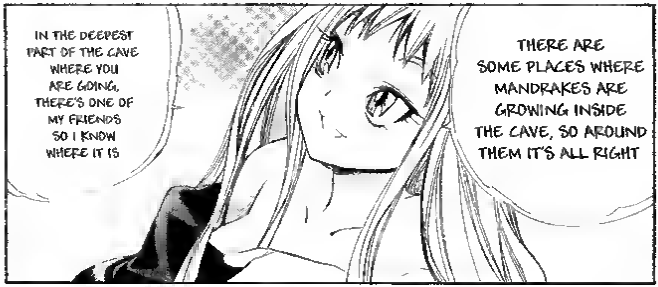
!! URG...
IT'S FINE, RIGHT, KUZUMI-KUN?
I DON'T WANT TO BE THE ONLY ONE LEFT BEHIND.

!!?
AH... IS THAT SO...
SCARY
IT'S ALL RIGHT, SINCE MY PLATE TURNED INTO A WI, I CAN NOW USE VOICE WARP TWO TIMES A DAY.

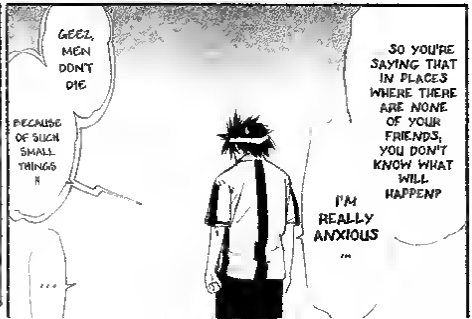

YEAH !!
ALL RIGHT, LET'S CONTINUE, THE THREE OF US


YEAH!
HUH ? A WI?
WELL, IN FACT, THOSE TWO SHOULD BE MUCH SAFER THAN ME, SINCE I CAN'T USE MAGIC BUT

YOU KNOW THE INSIDE PRETTY WELL, RIGHT?
JUST BITS AND PIECES
SHUT IT.
ISN'T IT GREAT? YOU WON'T GET LONELY ALONG THE WAY

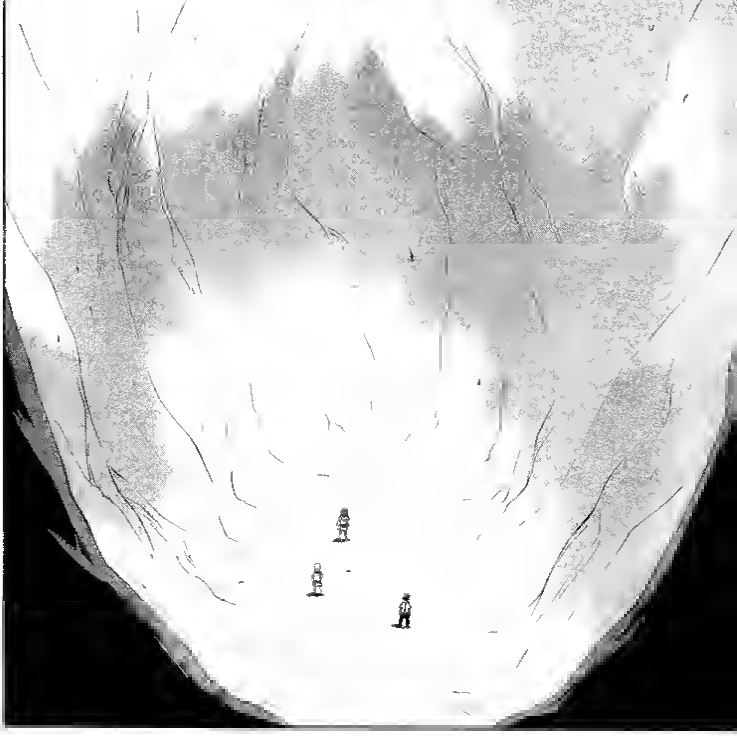

IN THE DEEPEST PART OF THE CAVE WHERE YOU ARE GOING, THERE'S ONE OF MY FRIENDS SO I KNOW WHERE IT IS
THERE ARE SOME PLACES WHERE MANDRAKES ARE GROWING INSIDE THE CAVE, SO AROUND THEM IT'S ALL RIGHT

WHAT ARE YOU MUMBLING, ON YOUR OWN?
Y... YEAH.
HURRY UP! WE'RE GOING!!


GEEZ, MEN DON'T DIE
BECAUSE OF SUCH SMALL THINGS !!
...
SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT IN PLACES WHERE THERE ARE NONE OF YOUR FRIENDS, YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN?
I'M REALLY ANXIOUS ...

I'M THE MOST POWERLESS ONE, BUT I'M THE ONLY MAN
IT CAN'T BE HELPED, I WILL HAVE TO TAKE THEM SAFELY OUTSIDE WITH JUST MY BODY.
...HUH!?
DA-HAH!
HEY! DON'T LOOK!!
ATA... NGU...
UHii!
DAHYA!
NGAGA ...
HAU!!!

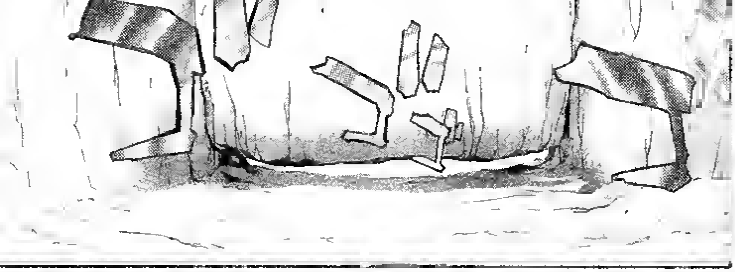
GEEZ~~~ ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? YOU'RE GETTING CAUGHT ON EVERY TRAP.
WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO SAVE YOU.
SHOULDN'T YOU USE MAGIC AT THE DANGEROUS MOMENTS?
...SO HEAVY
IT HURTS~~~!!!
NO GOOD... MY BODY WON'T HOLD ANY LONGER~~
MY FRIEND IS JUST AHEAD.
IT SEEMS THAT'S THE DEEPEST PART.
HEY, HANG IN THERE!! THE ROOM AT THE END IS RIGHT AHEAD.
!?
FOR REAL?
!!? WAH... WAIT KUZUMI-KUN.
UHHA~~~ WE MADE IT!!!



KIZUMI-KUN, IS IT A DEAD END?
!? WHAT'S WITH THIS? THERE'S NOTHING HERE!!

I SEE, I SEE ...
HE SAYS THE SWITCH FOR THE ENTRANCE IS UP THERE.
UP THERE ?
THAT ?
NO, IT'S HIGHER.
IT'S TOO FAR, I CAN'T SEE IT...
HEY!!
WE CAME THIS FAR BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU TOLD US AND THERE'S NOTHING HERE...
HII-RAGI !!
I HAVE A FAVOUR TO ASK YOU
DO YOU THINK YOU COULD USE YOUR VOICE WARP TO HIT UP THERE?
THERE SEEMS TO BE A SWITCH FOR A HIDDEN ROOM.
HOW CAN YOU TELL THAT!?
A... THAT'S...

SWITCH
VOICE
WARP
!!!
HII-
RAGI-
SAN
!!
GOT IT!!
I'LL GIVE
IT A
TRY.



THERE REALLY WAS A HIDDEN ROOM ...
AMAZING ...
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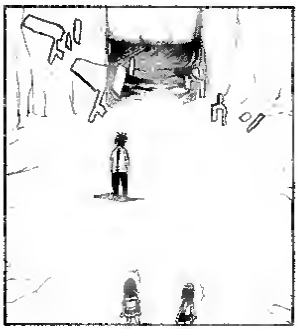
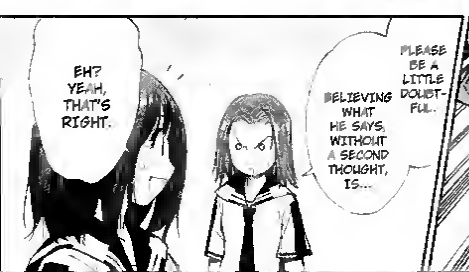


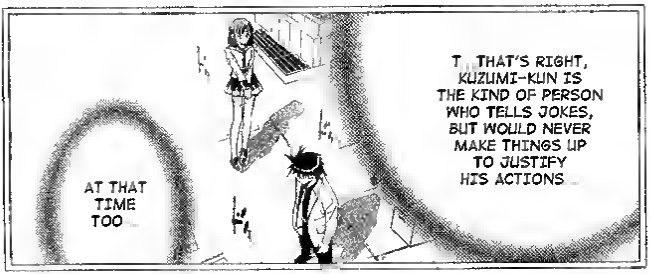
ITS TRUE THERE WAS A HIDDEN ROOM BUT...

WAIT A SECOND, HIIRAGI

LET'S GO CHECK IT OUT.

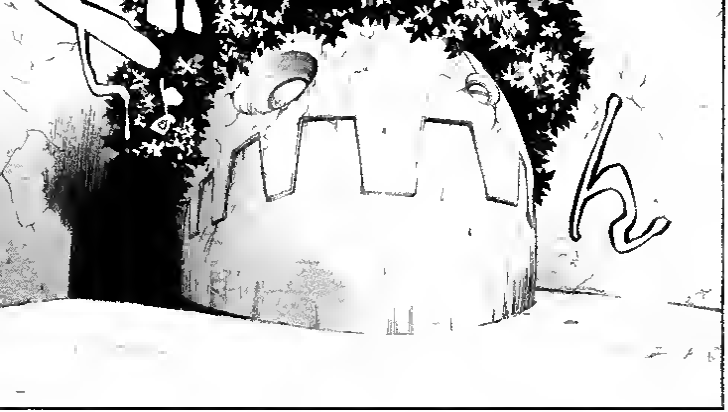

EH? YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT.
BELIEVING WHAT HE SAYS, WITHOUT A SECOND THOUGHT, IS...
PLEASE BE A LITTLE DOUBTFUL.

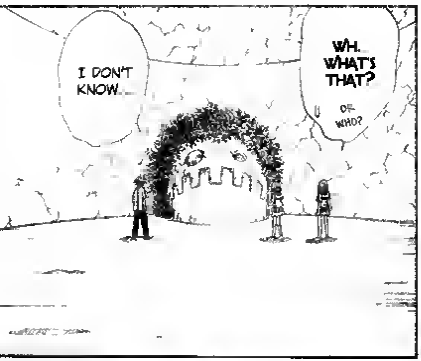
BUT ISN'T KUZUMI-KUN SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T SAY RANDOM THINGS?


T... THAT'S RIGHT, KUZUMI-KUN IS THE KIND OF PERSON WHO TELLS JOKES, BUT WOULD NEVER MAKE THINGS UP TO JUSTIFY HIS ACTIONS...
AT THAT TIME TOO...

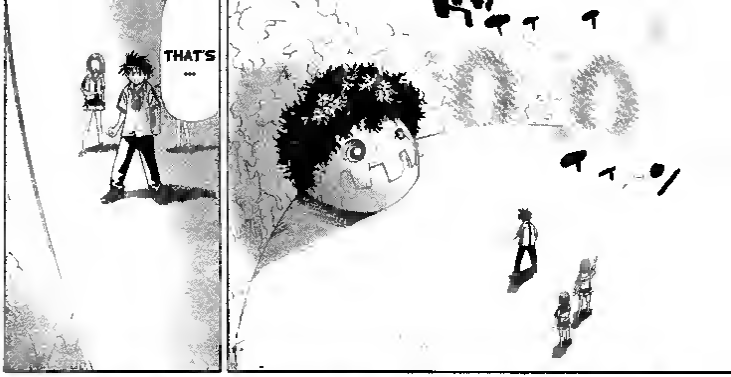
A...ANYWAY SHOULDN'T WE GO?
...

NOW I REGRET THAT I DIDN'T LISTEN TO WHAT KUZUMI-KUN HAD TO SAY AT THAT TIME.
I... THE SAME THING AGAIN...
!!?

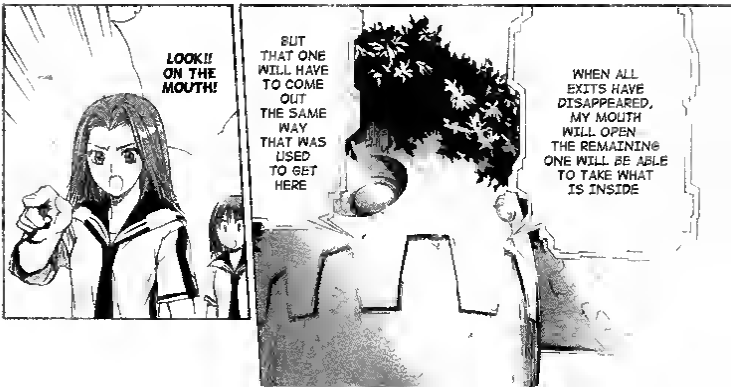



I DON'T KNOW...
WH- WHAT'S THAT?
OR WHO?

THREE PERSONS ENTRANCE CONFIRMED!


THAT'S ...

THE EXIT WILL DISAPPEAR ONCE A PERSON GOES THROUGH IT FOR THE THREE PERSONS ENTERING, ONLY TWO EXITS HAVE BEEN PREPARED
THOSE MAGIC EXITS WILL TAKE YOU OUTSIDE. ONE OF YOU HAS TO STAY BEHIND, THE OTHERS CAN LEAVE


LOOK!! ON THE MOUTH!
BUT THAT ONE WILL HAVE TO COME OUT THE SAME WAY THAT WAS USED TO GET HERE
WHEN ALL EXITS HAVE DISAPPEARED, MY MOUTH WILL OPEN. THE REMAINING ONE WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE WHAT IS INSIDE

DAMN, I CAN'T TAKE IT AND THE MOUTH DOESN'T OPEN EITHER.
THERE'S REALLY SOME INSIDE HIS MOUTH...
HUH... ISN'T THAT HOURENGE HERB?
THAT'S OBVIOUS. I'M THE ONE WHO WILL STAY.
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
WE REALLY HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE BUT TO HAVE ONE PERSON STAY BEHIND TO TAKE IT
LET'S DECIDE THIS FAIRLY WITH A LOTTERY.
OK?
HEY!! WAIT.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU!? WHO DECIDED THAT?
THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH DEBTS! IT'S MY DUTY AS A MAN!!
WHERE DID YOU HEAR "WHAT" WHAT HOUR? WHAT MINUTE? WHAT SECOND?
I WANTED TO CONTINUE ON MY OWN, SO I'M THE ONE STAYING
HEY WHAT ARE YOU DECIDING ON YOUR OWN!?
I'M THE ONE STAYING. I DON'T WANT TO OWE ANYTHING ELSE

THAT'S MEEEAN, YOU ARE BEING A BIT TYRANNICAL, KUZUMI-KUN
HUH!? YOU WANT TO BE LEFT BEHIND!? I WON'T ALLOW IT
NO, NO, ABSOLUTELY NOT!!!
HEY...
SHUT UP ALREADY.
W-WAIT, KUZUMI-KUN, LET'S TALK THIS OUT PROPERLY...
NOW, YOU TOO!!
KYAA!
WOMEN, GO QUIETLY OUTSIDE !!!
KUZUMI-KU...
NO USE IN ARGUING!!!
THEY'RE PROBABLY MAD AT YOU?
ATCHAAAA... YOU MADE THEM LEAVE AGAINST THEIR WILL.
PHEW

IT'S FINE.
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT THEY THINK OF ME, THEIR SAFETY IS MORE IMPORTANT.
HUH, IT'S DIFFICULT TO BE A BOY, TOO...
HUH, WHAT I SAY BY MYSELF STINKS!!
ALL THE EXITS HAVE DISAP-PEARED
MY MOUTH IS OPENING
WHAT'S AHEAD IS...!?
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LET'S STRENGTHEN YOUR MAGIC POWER TO RISE IN THE SCHOOL~!!

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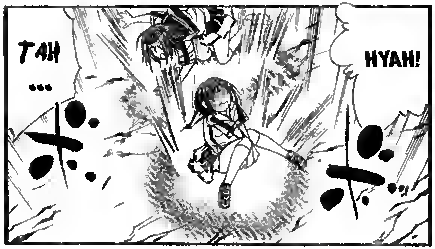
(SUMMARY)

KUZUMI HAS ENTERED INTO A MAGIC SCHOOL HIDING THE FACT THAT HE CAN'T USE MAGIC BUT IN THE SCHOOL. HE'S FAMOUS FOR BEING THE MOST POWERFUL MAGIC USER AMONGST STUDENTS!!
SEARCHING FOR HOURENGE HERBS WITH AIKA AND MIZUKI IN A CAVE ON THE BACK MOUNT, HE WAS ATTACKED SUCCESSIVELY BY A STONE STATUE AND A MAGIC PLANT
THE THREE OF THEM FOUND MAGIC EXITS TO THE OUTSIDE, BUT KUZUMI HAD TO STAY BEHIND

M:32 EXPEDITION OVER


TAH
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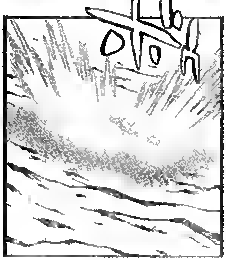
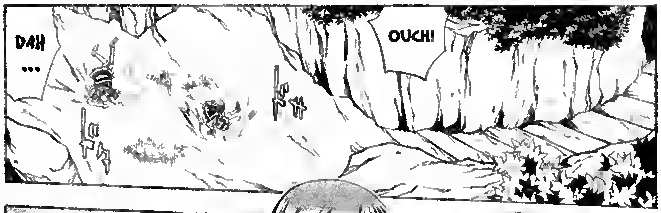
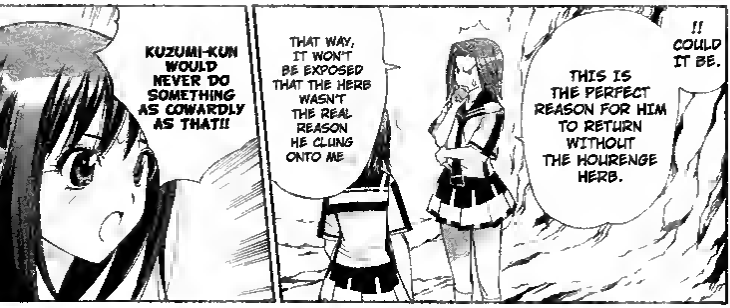
HYAH!




DAH
...
OUCH!

OUTSIDE OF THE CAVE, IT SEEMS
KUZUMI-KUN THREW US OUTSIDE.
WHERE ARE WE?

THIS IS WHY I HATE GUYS. THEY ALWAYS PUSH THEIR OWN THOUGHTS ONTO YOU THINKING THEY LOOK COOL.
HE DIDN'T EVEN LISTEN TO OUR OPINION.
GEEZ~~ WHAT A SELFISH GUY!!

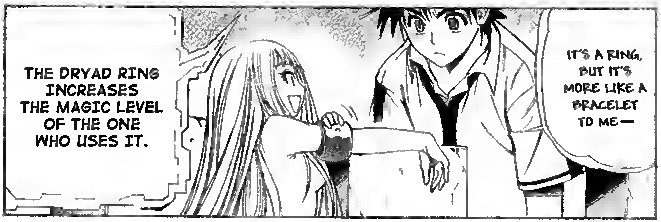

KUZUMI-KUN WOULD NEVER DO SOMETHING AS COWARDLY AS THAT!!
THAT WAY, IT WON'T BE EXPOSED THAT THE HERB WASN'T THE REAL REASON HE CLUNG ONTO ME.
THIS IS THE PERFECT REASON FOR HIM TO RETURN WITHOUT THE HOURENGE HERB.
!! COULD IT BE.

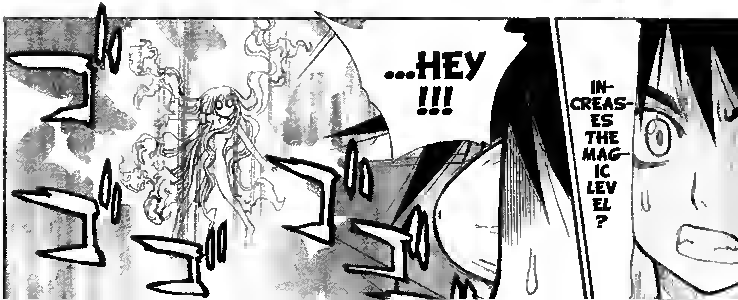
WELL... I WAS SUSPI-CIOUS ABOUT THAT TOO, AT FIRST. BUT...
I DON'T THINK KUZUMI-KUN IS THAT KIND OF PERSON.
THE FACT THAT HE HUGGED YOU... I DON'T THINK THAT WAS HIS INTENTION.
PROBABLY BECAUSE HE WAS THINKING ABOUT US.
HE STAYED BACK THERE,

MIZUKI-SAN, TOO, DON'T YOU WANT TO BELIEVE IN HIM, EVEN A LITTLE?
YOU MIGHT BE RIGHT, BUT I WANT TO BELIEVE IN KUZUMI-KUN.
DON'T YOU THINK YOU ARE GLORIFYING HIM TOO MUCH?
YOU CAN BAD MOUTH ABOUT ME AS MUCH AS YOU WANT BUT STAY CLOSE!!
I WON'T LET ANYTHING HURT YOU.
!!!
HEEEY, YOU TWO!!
...HUH!!? "LOST" WHAT!? WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME!?
WH... WHAT'S WRONG? WHY DO I HAVE THE FEELING I'VE LOST...?

OOOH!! IT'S THE HOURENGE HERB.
I FINALLY FOUND IT.
THERE'S QUITE A LOT.
I'LL BE TAKING IT~~~
BUT WHAT A STRONGLY PROTECTED HERB THIS IS.
BUT I DON'T SEE WHY IT IS...
WAH!
HYA——!!

A RING ...?
ITS EFFECT IS ONLY GRANTED ONCE TO THE ONE OPENING THE DRYAD SPRING.
IN THE END, ONLY THE BRAVE ONE THAT STAYS BEHIND IS ALLOWED TO USE THIS SPECIAL RING.
DOES HE MEAN THIS? I FELL ON IT INSIDE THE WATER THOUGH.
HEY, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT ?


THE DRYAD RING INCREASES THE MAGIC LEVEL OF THE ONE WHO USES IT.
IT'S A RING, BUT IT'S MORE LIKE A BRACELET TO ME—


...HEY !!!
IN-CREAS-ES THE MAG-IC LEV-EL ?

AW
AW
AW
AW
AW
LUCY LEVELED UP
BECAME ABLE TO MOVE FREELY AROUND IN THE SKY!
ATTAINED THE ABILITY TO BE INVISIBLE!
PHYSICAL STRENGTH UP!
SENSITIVITY TO MAGIC AURA UP!
HER SKIN STARTED SHIVERING.
IT
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!!!
HEY WAIT ~~~~~ !!!
WHAT WILL I DO IF YOU LEVEL UP!? REMOVE THE RING ~~~~~!!!

HEY, GIVE ME THAT!!
WHAT CAN THIS BE, THIS OVER-FLOWING P-O-W-E-R INSIDE ME. ♡
HAUUU ...
HAH!

YOU ARE FREE TO GIVE IT TO SOMEONE ELSE INSTEAD OF USING IT YOURSELF, IT'S YOUR CHOICE
GA ~~~!? YOU SERIOUS !!?
I REPEAT, THIS RING'S EFFECT IS ONLY GRANTED ONCE TO THE ONE OPENING THE SPRING.

*NO REACTION!

WASN'T THIS A ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY ...?
F...FOR SUCH A TREASURE TO BE HIDDEN HERE...

FOR SOME REASON MY INCREASED SENSITIVITY ALLOWS ME TO GET A GRASP OF THE CAVE AND THE MOUNTAIN!! MY PHYSICAL STRENGTH IS PERFECT TOO.
OK!! LET'S GO BACK!!
P... PLEASE WAIT...
HEY, WHAT'S WITH YOU!? STOP MAKING THAT FROZEN FACE HURRY, HURRY!!!
WHAT LITTLE STRENGTH I HAVE IS LEAVING ME...
IT CLEARLY SAID TO GO INSIDE THE CAVE...
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU ONLY DREW THE WAY UP TILL THE CAVE ON YOUR MAP.
I CAME HERE BECAUSE I WAS WORRIED ...
TEACHER...
SO THAT'S WHY YOU TOOK SO LONG TO RETURN.
YOU WENT INSIDE THE CAVE !!?

THE PLACE POINTED BY THE ARROW, INDICATING WHERE THE HOURENSO HERB IS GROWING IS
"MILLION ROAD MAP"!!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!? DIDN'T I PROPERLY DRAW THE PLACE?
SEE, THEY ARE RIGHT HERE.
LOOK, IT'S WRITTEN "HERE", RIGHT? EVEN THE SHAPE OF THE CAVE IS PERFECTLY DONE
HERE
THE MAP HAS BEEN DRAWN WITH MAGIC, THERE SHOULDN'T EVEN BE A 1 METER GAP!
ROCK
BIG MOUNTAIN STONE
STAIRS
CEDAR TREE

URG ...
IT CAN'T BE HELPED IF I HAVE POOR HANDWRITING...
YOU SHOULD HAVE TOLD US IF THEY WERE HIDDEN!!
I DON'T SEE A SUITABLE DRAWING WITH THAT DIRTY HANDWRITING AND THOSE LINES!!

MAYBE IF YOU KNEW THE WAY, BUT FOR A FIRST TIMER IN THE CAVE, IT TAKES AT LEAST HALF A DAY TO GET THERE
MOREOVER, IN ONLY ONE HOUR ...
BUT IT'S UNBELIEVABLE THAT YOU EVEN REACHED THE HIDDEN ROOM AT THE BOTTOM OF THE CAVE
I'M ALREADY AMAZED THAT YOU GOT PAST THE ENTRANCE OF DOGOO..

FROM NOW ON, DON'T TELL ANYONE YOU WENT IN.
IF YOU GO THERE WITH A FIRST-YEAR LEVEL, IT WOULDN'T BE SURPRISING FOR YOU TO END UP WITH GREAT INJURIES. IT'S A DANGEROUS PLACE.
I SEE... IF IT'S HIM, HE MIGHT KNOW OF SOME MAGIC TO NOT GET LOST.
KU-ZUMI?
KUZUMI-KUN LED THE WAY...
IT'S A GOOD THING KUZUMI-KUN WAS THERE, IF YOU HAD WANDERED INTO THE WRONG ROUTE, IT COULD HAVE TURNED INTO A TERRIBLE THING.
HE WAS RIGHT TELLING US TO NOT GO ON OUR OWN, BUT...
I NEVER THOUGHT IT WAS SUCH A DANGEROUS CAVE...
KUZUMI !! YOU'RE ALREADY OUT?
!!
BUT HE'S STILL INSIDE...
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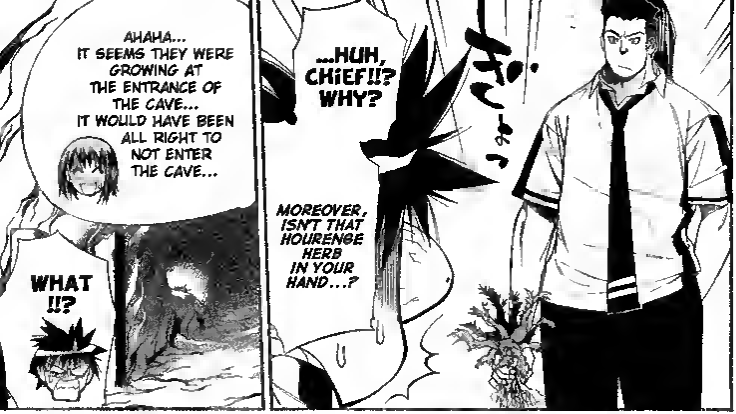
HA
HA
HA
HA

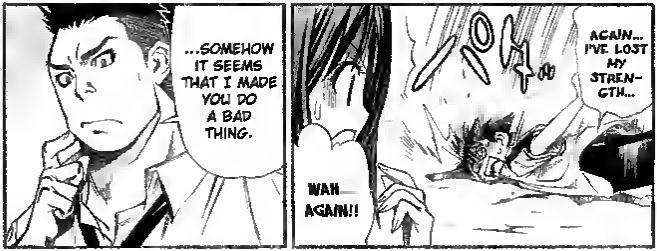
JUST TRYING TO KEEP UP WITH HER DRAINED ALL MY STRENGTH...
THAT LUCY, SHE WAS SO ENTHUSIASTIC THAT SHE KEPT SPEEDING UP.

HERE... THE HOU-RENGE HERBS...

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT!? KUZUMI-KUN...

...HE REALLY BROUGHT THEM...


AHAHA... IT SEEMS THEY WERE GROWING AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CAVE... IT WOULD HAVE BEEN ALL RIGHT TO NOT ENTER THE CAVE...
WHAT !!?
...HUH, CHIEF!!? WHY?
MOREOVER, ISN'T THAT HOURENGE HERB IN YOUR HAND...?


...SOMEHOW IT SEEMS THAT I MADE YOU DO A BAD THING.
AGAIN... I'VE LOST MY STRENGTH...
WAH— AGAIN!!

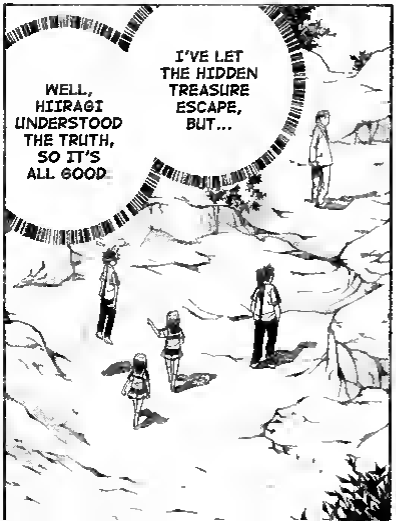
I ALREADY FIGURED OUT THAT KUZUMI-KUN WASN'T LYING.
IT'S ALL RIGHT NOW.
JUST AS KUZUMI SAID, THE HOURENGE HERB HAS A LOVE POTION EFFECT...
WELL, ONCE WE GET BACK, I'LL DO SOME EXPERIMENTS. BUT,

EVEN WITHOUT PROOF, I WILL BELIEVE IN KUZUMI-KUN.
ME TOO...
MI-ZUKI-SAN.
...
IF IT WAS A LIE FROM THE BEGINNING, HE WOULDN'T HAVE GONE THROUGH ALL THIS TO SEARCH FOR THE HOURENGE HERBS, RIGHT?
...JUST LIKE YOU SAID.
ANGEL FLY!!

I'M SORRY !!
WHAT IS THIS THING?
DAH... H-HEY
...? WHY THIS CHANGE OF HEART?
I...IT WAS MY BAD. THAT'S WHY I'M APOLOGISING. AFTER MEDITATING ABOUT IT.
IS IT AN OTHER FACE?
...
WH-
HEEE.. YOU DO HAVE A CUTE SIDE, HUH?
I WAS WRONG... I'M REALLY SORRY.
EVEN WHILE YOU KEPT SAVING ME, I WAS STUBBORN.
WELL... I TALKED BADLY ABOUT YOU TO YOUR FACE AND BEHIND YOUR BACK...

CHIEF ～～～!
...NO, HAHA
SORRY
WELL, WELL. THE MISUNDERSTANDING IS GONE AND THE COLLECTING OF THE MEDICINAL PLANTS TOO ENDED SAFELY.
THE MATTER IS SETTLED. ISN'T THAT GREAT?

EH!!
AND ONCE WE GET BACK, EVERYONE WILL HAVE TO WRITE REFLECTION LETTERS.
OK, LET'S GO BACK BEFORE IT GETS DARK.


WELL, HIIRAGI UNDERSTOOD THE TRUTH, SO IT'S ALL GOOD
I'VE LET THE HIDDEN TREASURE ESCAPE, BUT...

..COULD YOU PLEASE STOP THAT?
MAKES IT LOOK AS IF I WAS DEAD
SORRY KUZUMI-KUN.
IT WAS WORTH COMING JUST FOR THE FACT THAT IT MADE YOU UNDERSTAND.

THE MISUNDERSTANDING HAS BEEN RESOLVED. THE ANXIOUS ONE IS RELIEVED...
BUT WITH LUCY FOLLOWING, DOES THIS MEAN THIS IS THE CALM BEFORE THE STORM!?

IS THAT THE SCHOOL ...?
DID SHE GO BACK TO THE PLACE SHE GREW?
HUH... BY THE WAY, WHERE'S LUCY?
← INVISIBLE
LET'S FOLLOW FOR A BIT.
IT'S BORING INSIDE THE CAVE.
LUCY, THE LEVELED UP MANDRAKE, FOLLOWED HER ALLY (?) WITHOUT BEING NOTICED. ONCE AGAIN, THE STILL-MORE-TERRIBLE SCHOOL LIFE AT MOUNT SEINAGI CONTINUES...
THIS WAY, THE MISUNDER-STANDING GOT RESOLVED, NOW...

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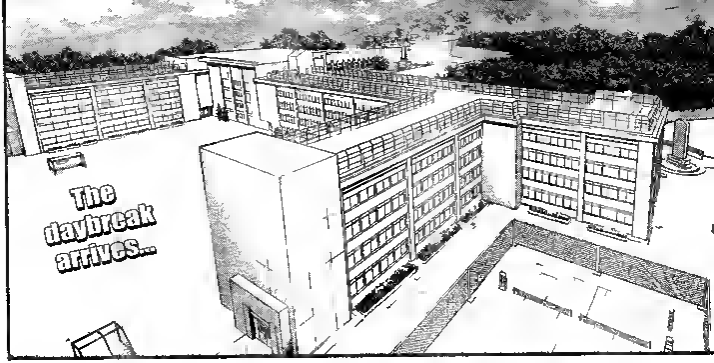
ENTERING WITH AIKA AND MIZUKI INTO A CAVE ON THE MOUNT BEHIND THE SCHOOL, THEY BARELY ESCAPED VARIOUS MAGIC TRAPS!!
THE MISUNDERSTANDING BETWEEN AIKA AND THE OTHERS HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY CLEARED, BUT LUCY FOLLOWED THEM TO THE SCHOOL...!!

M:33 LUCY DOING THINGS HER WAY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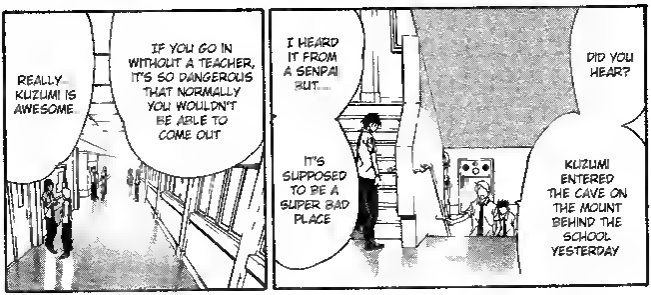
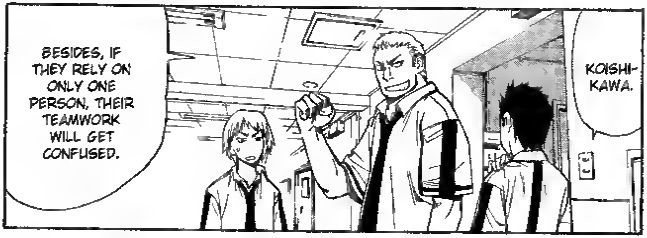

DID YOU HEAR?
KUZUMI ENTERED THE CAVE ON THE MOUNT BEHIND THE SCHOOL YESTERDAY
I HEARD IT FROM A SENPAI BUT...
IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE A SUPER BAD PLACE
IF YOU GO IN WITHOUT A TEACHER, IT'S SO DANGEROUS THAT NORMALLY YOU WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO COME OUT
REALLY KUZUMI IS AWESOME

AND THAT'S NOT ALL
THERE'S THE RUMOUR THAT ONCE YOU COMPLETE THE CAVE, YOU GET A MAGIC LEVEL INCREASE BONUS
FOR REAL? IF THAT'S TRUE THERE'S EVEN MORE OF A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US NOW.

AHH, IN NEXT WEEK'S CLASS MATCHES,
GROUP C'S VICTORY LOOKS CERTAIN.
WE HAVE NO HOPE.
HAHAHA

HEY, HEY, ISN'T IT TOO SOON TO BE GIVING UP?
SO, WHAT ABOUT THE CLASS MATCHES?
EVEN IF THAT KUZUMI STANDS OUT, DON'T IMPLY THAT EVERYONE ELSE IS AVERAGE!!
GOT IT?


KOISHI-KAWA.
BESIDES, IF THEY RELY ON ONLY ONE PERSON, THEIR TEAMWORK WILL GET CONFUSED.

IN ANY CASE, RIGHT NOW FROM ALL THE FIRST YEARS, THE ONES WITH THE BEST MAGIC RESULTS ARE US FROM GROUP F.
BEFORE YOU WORRY YOURSELVES OVER CLASS C, YOU SHOULD THINK OF WHAT TO DO AGAINST OUR CLASS.

!!?
HE WAS THERE?
IDIOT!! THE ONE HIDING IN HIS SHADOW, DAIMON, IS SCARIER.
HAVING HIM FOR AN OPPONENT IS ALSO SCARY.
KOISHIKAWA, HUH...? SINCE KUZUMI IS HERE, HE DOESN'T STAND OUT MUCH, BUT AMONG THE FIRST YEARS, HIS MAGIC ABILITY IS OF THE HIGHEST CLASS
WHAT IS THERE TO EXPECT? HE HAS A GOLD PLATE, STANDING OUT IS A GIVEN.
THAT'S NOT AMUSING.
BUT IT'S ALWAYS KUZUMI, KUZUMI...
IF WE BEAT THOSE GROUP C RATS IN THE CLASS MATCHES WITHOUT GETTING DISORGANISED,
I THINK THE FACT WE CAN DO PRETTY WELL, TOO, WILL BE KNOWN.

AH! KU-ZUMI
G-
GOOD MORN-ING.
KUAA, ALREADY BEING CALLED THIS EARLY BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE?
AND YESTERDAY'S EXPEDITION WAS SUPER TIRING
AND AFTER THAT, WE WON DADDY HIIRAGI'S BONUS SERMON.
ALTHOUGH WE ONLY WENT THERE BECAUSE OF THAT DRUG MAKER CLUB CHIEF

HUM
YOU ARE?
?
AHH, YOU'RE RIGHT. I DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD CUT YOUR HAIR SINCE YESTERDAY.
WHAT HAPPENED?
AN IMAGE CHANGE?
NO. NOTHING PARTIC-ULARLY...
It's me!! MIZUKI !!
Geez, you forgot my face !?
SOMEHOW, THE IMPRESSION I GAVE YESTERDAY WAS THE WORST, SO I THOUGHT WHAT IF I CHANGED MY IMAGE...?
D-
DO I LOOK STRANGE ?
WHAT'S WITH YOU!?
HOW RUDE ～～! IS THAT ALL YOU CAN SAY?
THAT'S WHY MEN ARE...
DUNNO
IN WHAT WAY HAS YOUR APPEAR-ANCE CHANGED ...?
SEE, IT'S STILL THE SAME, RIGHT?

YOUR APPEARANCE MIGHT HAVE CHANGED, BUT YOU'RE STILL YOURSELF, RIGHT?
THERE'S NO REASON FOR YOUR GOOD SIDES TO BE GONE.
WH. WHAT'S WITH YOU? SAYING THOSE SWEET THINGS.
I'VE HAD ENOUGH!!
NO GOOD~~~! I'M BLUSHING~~~!!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH HER?
STINKS ...
IT HURTS!! WHAT THE HELL?
STINKS~~~

WH... LUCY !
YOU REALLY ARE A STINKY MAN HUH?
I DIDN'T FALL ON PURPOSE
YOU. WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
ANYWAY, DON'T JUST FLOAT THERE. SOMEONE MIGHT SEE YOU!!
IT'S FINE NO ONE OTHER THAN YOU CAN SEE ME!

IT'S THANKS TO YOU THAT I GOT SUCH MAGIC POWERS~
AND THAT I WAS ABLE TO SAY FAREWELL TO THAT DARK AND LONELY RESIDENCE
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IS THAT TRUE ?
MY REAL BODY IS BEING INVISIBLE WITH MAGIC! MY SHAPE AND VOICE FROM MY MAGIC WAVES SHOULD ONLY REACH YOU

HEY, YOU'RE NOT PLANNING TO REMAIN IN THE SCHOOL, ARE YOU?
OF COURSE I AM.
AND THAT'S WHY YESTERDAY I TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO FOLLOW YOU TO SCHOOL——!!
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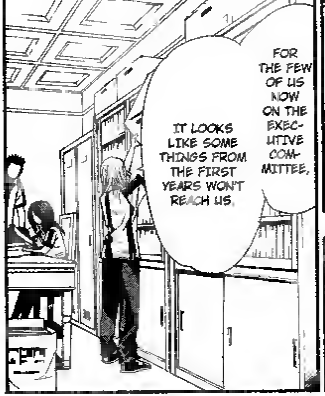
WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER FOR YOU, WHO CAN'T USE MAGIC, TO HAVE ME AROUND?
BECAUSE IT SEEMS SO FUN HERE.
AND IT WOULD BE A WASTE TO NOT USE THAT MAGIC I FINALLY GOT.
!!?
...HUH? HOW DID YOU KNOW I CAN'T USE MAGIC...?
BESIDES THAT, WEREN'T YOU IN A HURRY?
T...THAT'S RIGHT, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE !!
OOH... SORRY FOR CALLING YOU THIS EARLY.


FOR THE FEW OF US NOW ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,
IT LOOKS LIKE SOME THINGS FROM THE FIRST YEARS WON'T REACH US.

IT'S ABOUT TIME... I DECIDED TO MAKE THIS OFFICIAL.
THE THING IS, THERE'S SOMETHING I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT FOR SOME TIME.

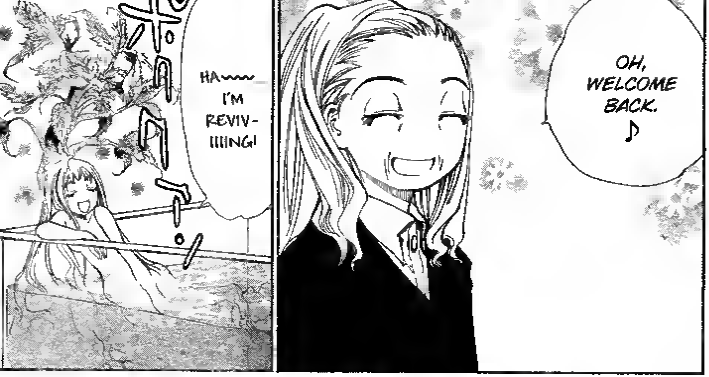
SO FAR, THE FIRST YEARS HAVE BEEN CALM... BUT NOW THAT THE EXAMS ARE OVER AND THE PLATE RANKS HAVE INCREASED, SO WILL THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE DOING BAD THINGS.

I WANT TO ENTRUST ALL THE FIRST YEARS TO YOU.
THAT'S WHY, KUZUMI,

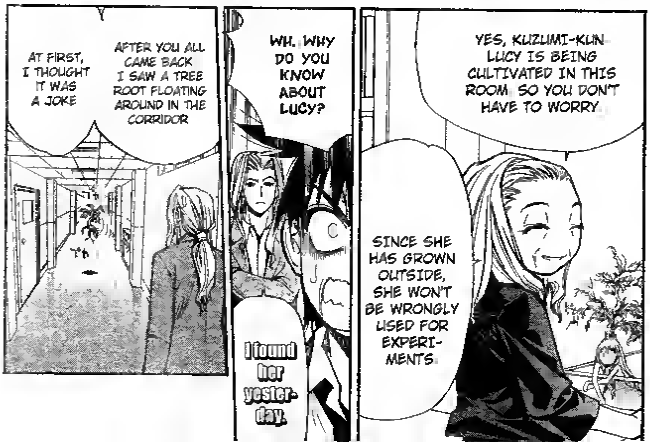
IF IT'S YOU, I THINK THERE WOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM EITHER IF IT'S RELATED TO PHYSICAL OR MAGICAL PROBLEMS
WH... TO ME ALONE !?

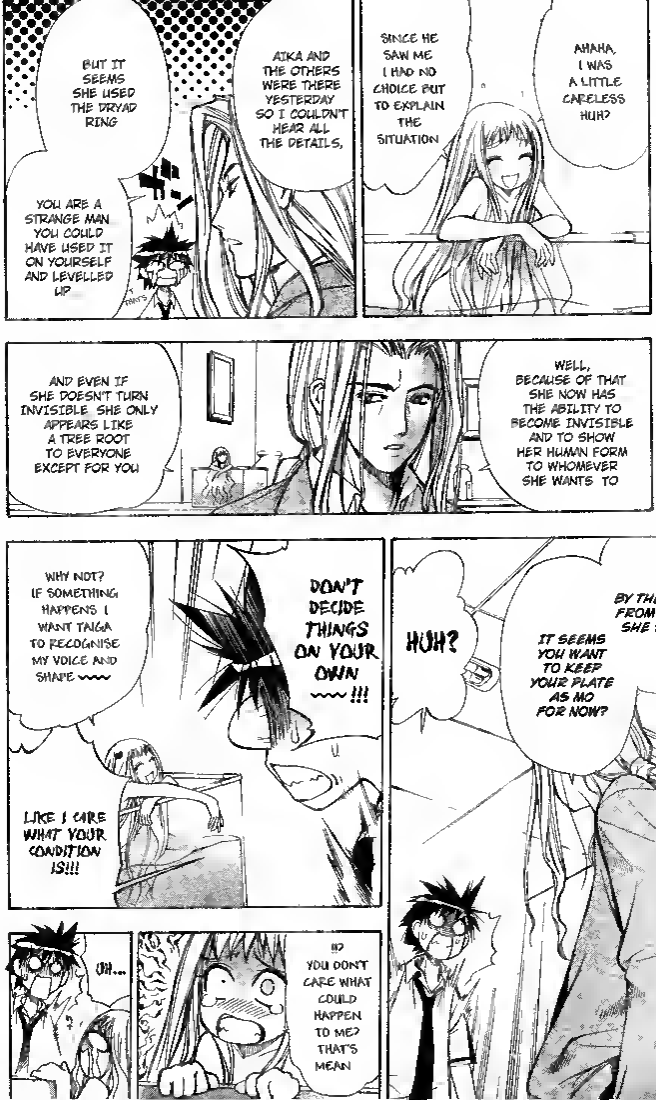
IF THERE COMES A TIME WHEN YOU CAN'T HANDLE THINGS ON YOUR OWN, IT'S ALL RIGHT FOR YOU TO USE OTHER FIRST YEARS TO AID YOU!
AND IF NEEDED, OF COURSE, WE, THE SECOND YEARS WILL ALSO GIVE YOU A HAND.
HO HO IT LOOKS LIKE MY POWER IS NEEDED MORE AND MORE. HUH?
YOU'RE NOISY !!
EEH ~~~!? WAIT !!
WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE TALK ABOUT MAKING HIM MY SUBORDINATE!?
MY LONG-AWAITED PRETTY PET ~~!
GEEZ ~~~
GE HE HE,
THAT GUY'S GONNA MAKE THINGS A BIT EASIER FOR US.
THAT'S HOW THINGS ARE. WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU!!
AH! IT HURTS. HEY!!!
KUZUMI YOU USED SOME STRANGE MAGIC, DIDN'T YOU?

IT'S ALL RIGHT!! YOU MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO USE MAGIC BUT YOU HAVE ME, DON'T YOU?
THERE ARE 200 FIRST YEARS TO TAKE CARE OF ALL OF THEM ON MY OWN...
I'VE BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH A VERY IMPORTANT THING.
... ANYWAY,
SHUT UP ALREADY!! HURRY AND GO BACK TO THE MOUNT!
AH!
...ANYWAY, HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT ME?
H...Hey, that's the principal's office...
You can't go there...
HEY!!! LISTEN TO ME.
SOMEHOW, MOVING AROUND SO MUCH MADE ME THIRSTY——


HA~~~ I'M REVIV-IIIING!
OH, WELCOME BACK. ♪

YOU TWO ARE FRIENDS !!?


AT FIRST, I THOUGHT IT WAS A JOKE
AFTER YOU ALL CAME BACK I SAW A TREE ROOT FLOATING AROUND IN THE CORRIDOR
WH, WHY DO YOU KNOW ABOUT LUCY?
I found her yester-day.
YES, KUZUMI-KUN LUCY IS BEING CULTIVATED IN THIS ROOM SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY
SINCE SHE HAS GROWN OUTSIDE, SHE WON'T BE WRONGLY USED FOR EXPERI-MENTS


AHAHA, I WAS A LITTLE CARELESS HUH?
SINCE HE SAW ME I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO EXPLAIN THE SITUATION
AIKA AND THE OTHERS WERE THERE YESTERDAY SO I COULDN'T HEAR ALL THE DETAILS,
BUT IT SEEMS SHE USED THE DRYAD RING
YOU ARE A STRANGE MAN YOU COULD HAVE USED IT ON YOURSELF AND LEVELLED UP
WELL, BECAUSE OF THAT SHE NOW HAS THE ABILITY TO BECOME INVISIBLE AND TO SHOW HER HUMAN FORM TO WHOMEVER SHE WANTS TO
AND EVEN IF SHE DOESN'T TURN INVISIBLE SHE ONLY APPEARS LIKE A TREE ROOT TO EVERYONE EXCEPT FOR YOU
BY THE WAY, FROM WHAT SHE SAID,
HUH?
IT SEEMS YOU WANT TO KEEP YOUR PLATE AS MO FOR NOW?
DON'T DECIDE THINGS ON YOUR OWN ~~~ !!!
WHY NOT? IF SOMETHING HAPPENS I WANT TAIGA TO RECOGNISE MY VOICE AND SHAPE ~~~
LIKE I CARE WHAT YOUR CONDITION IS!!!
UH...
!!? YOU DON'T CARE WHAT COULD HAPPEN TO ME? THAT'S MEAN

WELL, IT'S GOING TO BECOME AN RI NOW...
AND I DON'T THINK I CAN CONTROL THE FIRST YEARS...
AT LEAST MO'S EFFECT IS STRONG.
I WONDER WHAT'LL HAPPEN IF I PART FROM IT...
F-
FOR NOW, I WILL LEAVE IT AS A MO.
YEAH, WELL...
THAT'S TRUE.
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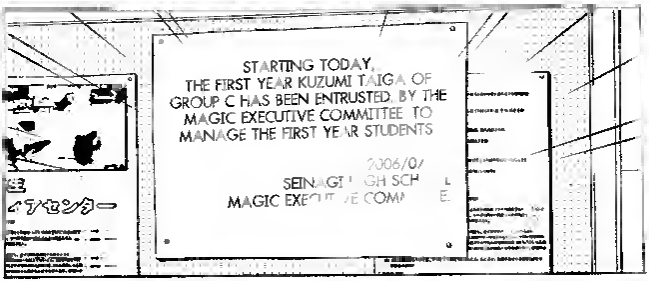
CLASS MATCHES?
WELL, DO YOUR BEST.
FOR NEXT WEEK'S CLASS MATCHES IT'S GOING TO BE TOUGHER, RIGHT?
IT'S ALREADY HARD FOR YOU AS PART OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BUT...
I SEE... IF THAT'S YOUR DECISION, IT'S ALL RIGHT.
JUST DON'T GET YOURSELF EXPOSED.

HMM, IT'S AN EVENT WHERE THE CLASSES OPPOSE EACH OTHER IN FIGHTS USING MAGIC.
IT HAS NO RELATION TO YOUR GRADES, BUT...
EVERYONE SHOULD BE TEMPTED TO TEST THE REAL POWER OF THEIR PLATE UPDATES.


STARTING TODAY,
THE FIRST YEAR KUZUMI TAIGA OF
GROUP C HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED BY THE
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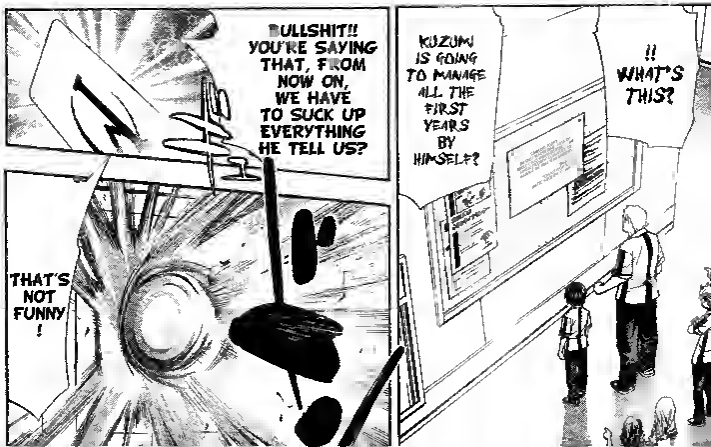
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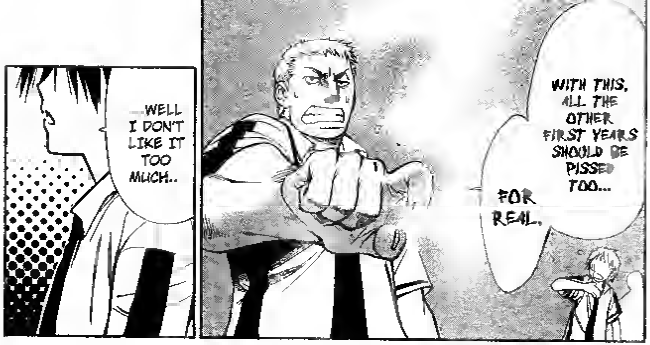
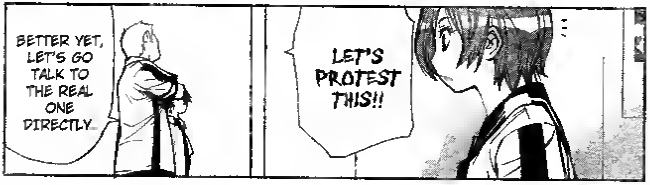
WHAT'S THIS?
KUZUMI IS GOING TO MANAGE ALL THE FIRST YEARS BY HIMSELF?
BULLSHIT!! YOU'RE SAYING THAT, FROM NOW ON, WE HAVE TO SUCK UP EVERYTHING HE TELL US?
THAT'S NOT FUNNY !


WITH THIS, ALL THE OTHER FIRST YEARS SHOULD BE PISSED TOO...
FOR REAL.
...WELL I DON'T LIKE IT TOO MUCH..


LET'S PROTEST THIS!!
BETTER YET, LET'S GO TALK TO THE REAL ONE DIRECTLY.

THE ONE WHO RECEIVED THIS MUCH AUTHORITY... I WANT TO TEST HIM.
IT CAN EVEN SERVE AS A REFERENCE FOR THE CLASS MATCHES.
WHAT IS THIS GUY!!?

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KUZUMI, WHO CAME BACK FROM THE BACK MOUNT, IS DETERMINED TO CONTINUE WITH MO FOR NOW!! BUT A GROUP WHO ARE AGAINST HIM BEING ENTRUSTED WITH THE MANAGEMENT OF ALL THE FIRST YEARS BY THE MAGIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPEARS

M:34 PROVOCATION

I CAN'T STAND HIM DOING AS HE PLEASES WITH THE MANAGEMENT OF THE FIRST YEARS
HIS MAGIC POWER IS GOLD HE CAN'T BE COMPARED TO FIRST YEARS, RIGHT? BUT

YOU WANT TO GET INTO A FIGHT WITH KUZUMI? STOP THAT!
MI-ZUKI !!
YOU TWO BETTER NOT BE THINKING OF ANY WEIRD THINGS!
HUH !?
UHHAAA ~~~!! I'M SO HAPPY ~~~!!
OH! ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT US?
Stop that!! I'm not interested in men.
I- I LIKE IT!!
AHAHA! YOU LOOK GOOD WITH YOUR SHORT HAIR TOO, MIZUKI~~
HAA
BY THE WAY, IT SEEMS YOU WENT TO THE WESTERN HIDDEN CAVE WITH KUZUMI YESTERDAY
HII ...
SINCE WHEN DID YOU START TO GET ALONG WITH HIM SO WELL?
I-IT'S BECAUSE OF SUCH STUPID CONCEPTU-ALIZATIONS THAT I HATE MEN!!
WAIT!! DOING IT WITH OTHER WOMEN IS UNHEALTHY. WHAT A WASTE!

I... I DON'T REALLY GET ALONG WITH HIM...
HII ...
NO WAY!? FOR REAL!?
YOU JUST BLUSHED. DIDN'T YOU!?
NO I DID NOT!!
ANYWAY, IT'S EMBARRASSING, SO DON'T GO DOING STRANGE THINGS!
H-HEY !!
D... DAMMIT ～
THAT SON OF A... WHEN DID HE... I WON'T FORGIVE HIM ～～～
THAT BASTARD ....
I saw the bulletin board!!
AMAZING !!
You are in charge of the first years!
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YOU STILL HAVEN'T DECIDED ON YOUR CLUB ACTIVITY YET.
THEN GIVE HIM A HAND, AIKA

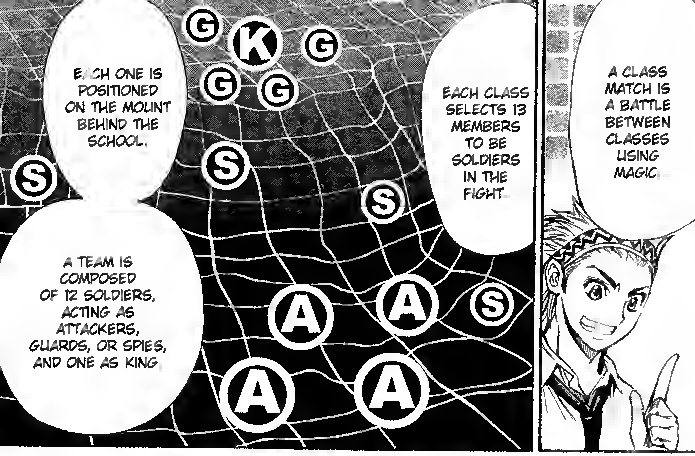
ACTUALLY, IT DOES SEEM VERY TROUBLE-SOME.
UH... NO... I THINK OF IT AS A TROUBLE-SOME TASK THEY ARE MAKING ME DO

MAGIC GRAPPLING CLUB
MAGIC HANDI-CRAFTS CLUB
WE ALREADY HAVE CLUB ACTIVITIES
BUT YOU TWO...
SOME-ONE LIKE ME WON'T BE TOO USEFUL

KUZUMI ~~~~!! THAT'S GREAT FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, BUT WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU FOR THE CLASS MATCHES, TOO!
BECAUSE YOU'RE OUR HOPE!

AND BESIDES, I STILL DON'T KNOW HOW TROUBLESOME IT'S GOING TO BE.
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S WORK IS VERY HARD. IT LOOKS LIKE A HEAVY BURDEN FOR A GIRL.

HUH?
OH YEAH, THAT'S NEXT WEEK
I DON'T KNOW TOO MUCH ABOUT IT... WHAT EXACTLY ARE WE DOING?


A CLASS MATCH IS A BATTLE BETWEEN CLASSES USING MAGIC.
EACH CLASS SELECTS 13 MEMBERS TO BE SOLDIERS IN THE FIGHT.
EACH ONE IS POSITIONED ON THE MOUNT BEHIND THE SCHOOL.
A TEAM IS COMPOSED OF 12 SOLDIERS, ACTING AS ATTACKERS, GUARDS, OR SPIES, AND ONE AS KING.
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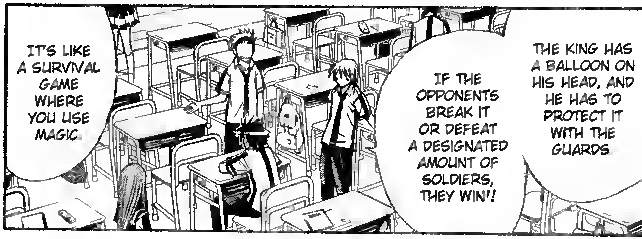
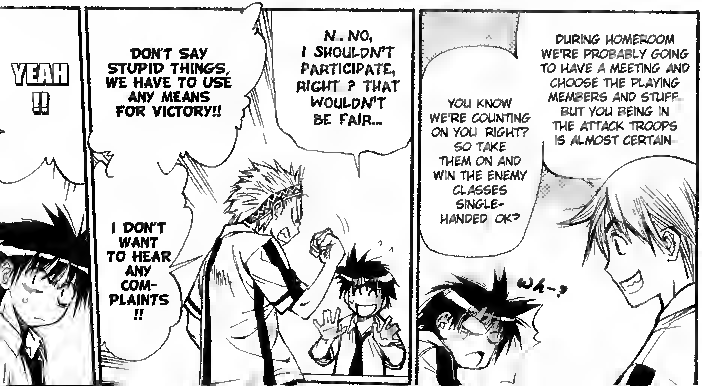

IT'S LIKE A SURVIVAL GAME WHERE YOU USE MAGIC.
IF THE OPPONENTS BREAK IT OR DEFEAT A DESIGNATED AMOUNT OF SOLDIERS, THEY WIN!!
THE KING HAS A BALLOON ON HIS HEAD, AND HE HAS TO PROTECT IT WITH THE GUARDS.


DURING HOMEROOM WE'RE PROBABLY GOING TO HAVE A MEETING AND CHOOSE THE PLAYING MEMBERS AND STUFF. BUT YOU BEING IN THE ATTACK TROOPS IS ALMOST CERTAIN.
YOU KNOW WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU, RIGHT? SO TAKE THEM ON AND WIN THE ENEMY CLASSES SINGLE-HANDED, OK?
WA-?
N..NO, I SHOULDN'T PARTICIPATE, RIGHT? THAT WOULDN'T BE FAIR...
DON'T SAY STUPID THINGS. WE HAVE TO USE ANY MEANS FOR VICTORY!!
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANY COMPLAINTS!!
YEAH!!

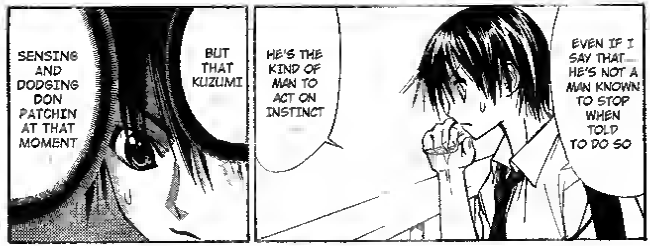
We're counting on you, Kuzumi !!
DO YOUR BEST!!
IF KUZUMI'S WITH US, THERE'S NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF!!
IT'S GROUP C'S CERTAIN VICTORY!!
(I'M GLAD TO BE IN THIS CLASS)
YEAH !!
GO GO!
O...OH CRAP, MY NECK IS BEING STRANGLED MORE AND MORE, EACH AND EVERY DAY
THIS SCHOOL HAS WAY TOO MANY MAGIC EVENTS !!!
BEFORE HOMEROOM STARTS, I HAVE TO ASK FOR DADDY HIIRAGI'S COOPERATION, OR IT WILL TURN INTO SOMETHING VERY BAD
ABOUT KUZUMI, HE'S THE ONLY ONE WITH A GOLD PLATE, SO IT WOULDN'T BE FAIR FOR THE OTHER GROUPS.
I THINK IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO REMOVE HIM FROM THIS CLASS MATCH

LUCY!!? YOU'RE STILL HERE!?
IT'S AN EVENT ON THE PACK MOUNT, RIGHT? I THINK I WILL BE A GREAT HELP FOR YOU
I HAVE PLENTY OF INFORMATION FROM MY FRIENDS
GEEZ. I'M HERE, AM I NOT? IT'S ALL RIGHT!!
APART FROM EXAMS, I SHOULDN'T CARELESSLY USE MO FOR AN EVENT WITHOUT ANY RELATION TO THE EVALUATION.
AND I WANTED TO HELP YOU MORE!!
AH!! THAT'S MEEEAN.
THE FACT YOU LITTLE ONE ARE AROUND WON'T CHANGE A THING!
YOU ARE RIGHT!!
HEY, ISN'T THAT KUZUMI?
NOT HERE. IF TOO MANY PEOPLE SEE THIS, IT'S GOING TO BE BAD FOR US.
THAT'S PERFECT. SHOULD I TEASE HIM A BIT?

TL NOTE: DON IS A SFX KINDA LIKE BOOM.
PATCHIN IS THE SOUNDS YOU MAKE WHEN SNAPPING FINGERS
HOWEVER, THE KANJI USED MEANS "EVIL FINGER BULLET"

A GROUP FROM MY CLASS... I'M NOT SURE IF THEY ARE SERIOUS, BUT... I THOUGHT IT WAS BETTER TO REPORT IT
WHY ARE THEY TARGETING ME?
GAH ...
COME ON TAIGA, I'M TALKING TO YOU!
SOMETHING FLEW THIS WAY, BUT...
!!? WHAT WAS THAT?
HYAH ...
GO HIDE SOME-WHERE, MIZUKI!!
AH, T-THAT'S DANGER-OUS!

I-IDIOT!
YOU'RE GONNA GET CAUGHT IF YOU GO...
KUZUMI, YOU BASTARD !!! GET AWAY FROM HER !!!
NGAA !!!


SENSING AND DODGING DON PATCHIN AT THAT MOMENT
BUT THAT KUZUMI
HE'S THE KIND OF MAN TO ACT ON INSTINCT
EVEN IF I SAY THAT... HE'S NOT A MAN KNOWN TO STOP WHEN TOLD TO DO SO

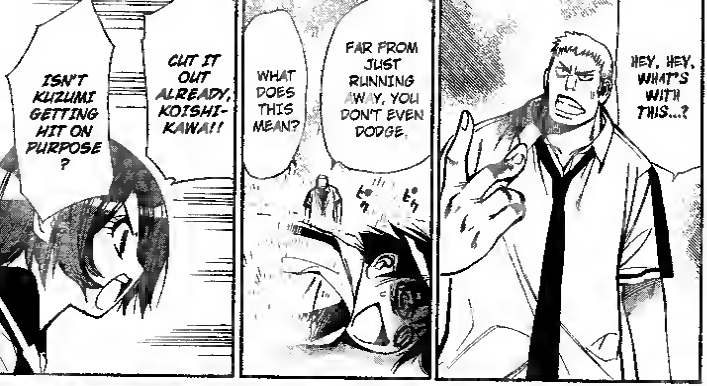
SHUT THE HELL UP!! MOVE THAT HAND～!!!
WHO ARE YOU?

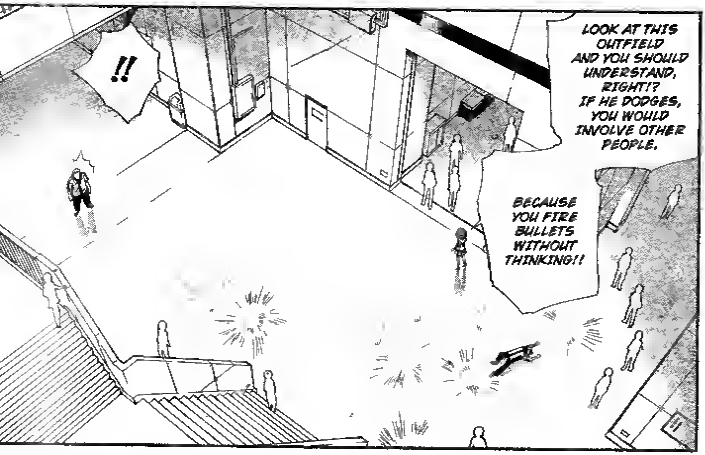
YOU WANT TO HAVE US FIRST YEARS UNDER YOUR UMBRELLA, DON'T YOU!?
I'LL TEACH YOU THAT NO MATTER HOW STRONG YOU ARE, NOT EVERYONE WILL LISTEN !!
YOU DID A LOT !
I DON'T REMEMBER DOING ANYTHING TO MAKE YOU MAD!!
COULD IT BE YOU? THE ONE WHO'S TARGETING ME!?
DUMBASS, THEY'RE BOTH FALSE PRETEXTS!!
AND I WON'T LET YOU PUT YOUR HANDS ON MIZUKI!!!
SHUT UP!!!

GU WAH ...
MIZUKI, BE CARE...
HYAH !
UH ...
!!?
OUCH ...
GU-HAB!

!!!
OUCH ...
KYA
AHAHA, WHAT'S WRONG, GOLD PLATE USER?
YOU CAN'T HANDLE SUCH MAGICAL GREETINGS?
I...IDIOT, THAT'S DANGEROUS, DON'T GET CLOSER!!
KU-ZUMI!!
I WON'T GIVE YOU ANY SPARE TIME!
IS MY VOICE REACHING HER?
LUCY, CAN YOU HEAR ME!!?

!?
HEY, WHAT ARE THEY DOING?
HA GYA ...
WHAT'S WITH THIS? KUZUMI IS LETTING HIMSELF GET BEATEN?
YEAH
NOW THEY'RE ALL HITTING HIM.
WHAT'S GOING ON? HE WAS DODGING THEM PERFECTLY JUST BEFORE


HEY, HEY, WHAT'S WITH THIS...?
FAR FROM JUST RUNNING AWAY, YOU DON'T EVEN DODGE.
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?
CUT IT OUT ALREADY, KOISHI-KAWA!!
ISN'T KUZUMI GETTING HIT ON PURPOSE?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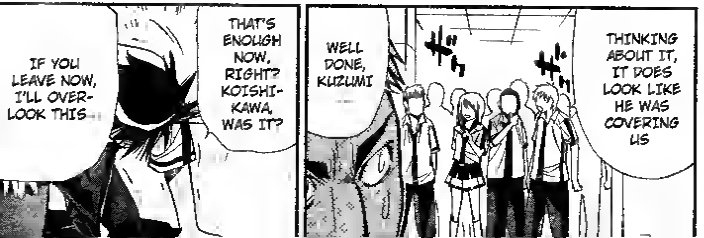
LOOK AT THIS OUTFIELD AND YOU SHOULD UNDERSTAND, RIGHT!? IF HE DODGES, YOU WOULD INVOLVE OTHER PEOPLE.
BECAUSE YOU FIRE BULLETS WITHOUT THINKING!!


THINKING ABOUT IT, IT DOES LOOK LIKE HE WAS COVERING US
WELL DONE, KUZUMI
THAT'S ENOUGH NOW, RIGHT? KOISHI-KAWA, WAS IT?
IF YOU LEAVE NOW, I'LL OVER-LOOK THIS

IF YOU THINK SO, LOOK AT THE BACK OF YOUR NECK
WHAT DID YOU SAY? EVEN THOUGH YOU COULDN'T DO A THING...
WHEN DID HE ...!!?
WH...
AND HE DIDN'T EVEN APPROACH KOISHIKAWA ONCE...
...IMPOSSIBLE I DIDN'T NOTICE AT ALL...
BUT IF YOU WISH TO CONTINUE WITH THIS, I CAN CHANGE IT TO A BLUE MARK IF YOU WANT.
AS LONG AS IT'S NOT A CONSIDERABLY BAD THING, I WON'T MANAGE THINGS BY FORCE,

I...I KNOW!
TAKU!! IF YOU DO MORE THAN THAT, YOU WILL REALLY BECOME THE BAD GUY.
JUST LEAVE IT AT THAT!!
AND AFTER ALL THAT HE STILL PLANS TO FORGIVE KOISHIKAWA? WHAT A GUY
KUH...
WITHOUT ANYONE NOTICING, HE SCRIBBLED SOMETHING ON THE BACK OF HIS NECK...
SO HE COULD HAVE DEFEATED KOISHIKAWA ANYTIME?

I... I'M SAVED.. THAT WAS DANGEROUS.
IT'S GOOD THAT HE WAS A SIMPLE-MINDED GUY...

KUZUMI ACTS ONCE AGAIN WITH LUCY'S HELP!!
HE, HEEE ♡

HAH, MM.
HOW WAS IT? I AM HELPFUL, RIGHT?

GOOD JOB, LUCY...
YEAH, YOU SAVED ME!!

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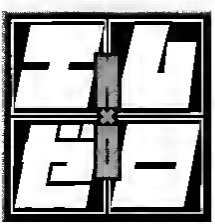

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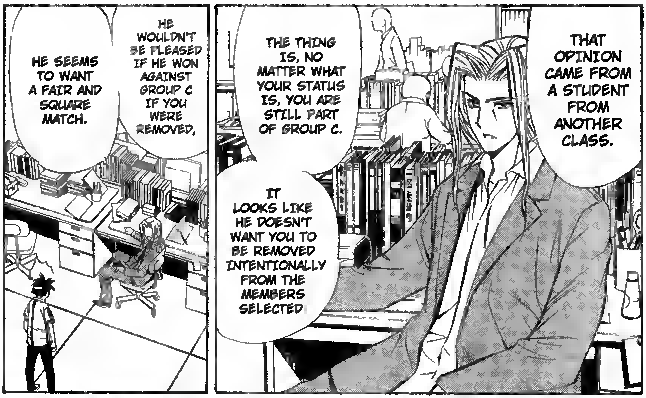
M:35 MOSAIC PANIC

MY REMOVAL HAS ALREADY BEEN DISCUSSED?
WH...


HE SEEMS TO WANT A FAIR AND SQUARE MATCH.
HE WOULDN'T BE PLEASED IF HE WON AGAINST GROUP C IF YOU WERE REMOVED,
THE THING IS, NO MATTER WHAT YOUR STATUS IS, YOU ARE STILL PART OF GROUP C.
IT LOOKS LIKE HE DOESN'T WANT YOU TO BE REMOVED INTENTIONALLY FROM THE MEMBERS SELECTED
THAT OPINION CAME FROM A STUDENT FROM ANOTHER CLASS.

WHAT AN UNCALLED-FOR THING TO DO TO DO~~
WHERE DID THAT HANDKERCHIEF PRINCE COME FROM? THERE ARE LIMITS TO BEING ELOQUENT!
!!?
HERE!
HE EVEN POLITELY BROUGHT ALL THE OTHER CLASS REPS' SIGNATURES.

WAIT, THAT'S NOT IT ～!!!
WELL, DO YOUR BEST.
IT LOOKS LIKE WITH THIS OPINION, MAKING A REASON TO REMOVE YOU WOULD ONLY HAVE THE OPPOSITE EFFECT.

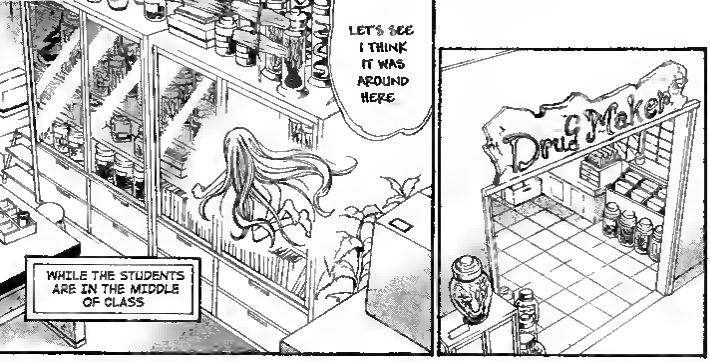
I WANT TO HELP YOU MORE ～～～～!
I'M FINE AS LONG AS YOU DON'T GO DOING WEIRD STUFF!!

SHOULD I GO AND CHECK WHAT KIND OF GUY HE IS?
DAMN... WHY DOES A GUY THAT I'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE GO AND SAY THAT?
WAS IT DAIMON OF GROUP F?

SO WHILE I DON'T NEED YOU, JUST BE QUIET, PLEASE.
I UNDER-STAND THAT YOU WANT TO BE HELP-FUL.
Hmm

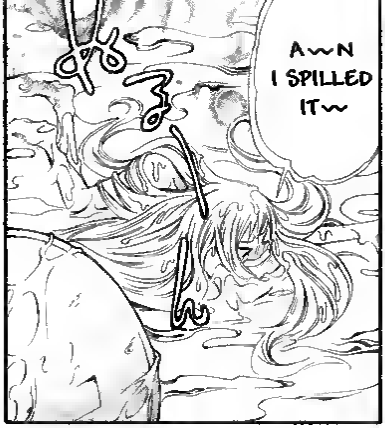
THERE SHE GOES AGAIN. SAYING STUFF I DON'T UNDER-STAND.
FOR TAIGA WHO GAVE ME FREEDOM I WILL DO ANYTHING ～～～～!
I WANT TO SERVE YOU!! TO SERVE YOU!! I WANT TO BUILD A HOUSE ON THE BACK MOUNT FOR JUST THE TWO OF US AND I WANT TO TAKE CARE OF TAIGA ONCE HE GETS OLD! THAT'S MY DREAM!!

BUT WHAT WILL I DO FOR THE CLASS MATCHES ...
IF I HAD MAGIC TO DISAPPEAR LIKE HIIRAGI, I COULD HIDE SOMEWHERE ..
I KNOW A MAGIC PLANT TO MAKE YOUR SHAPE NOT VISIBLE
NO WAY !!?
THERE'S A PLANT LIKE THAT!?
WHERE IS IT GROWING ?
I THINK THERE'S SOME AT THE DRUG MAKER CLUB
I NOTICED IT DURING THE NIGHT
WAIT FOR ME I'LL GO GET YOU SOME RIGHT NOW
I'M COUNT-ING ON YOU !!
REALLY? I MADE YOU HAPPY !??
WELL DONE, LUCY !!
UNYO～ YOU'RE SAVING ME !!


LET'S SEE I THINK IT WAS AROUND HERE
WHILE THE STUDENTS ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF CLASS
Drug Maker

ZAMO SEEDS AND...
KUI LEAVES.
FOUND IT!! THIS, THIS.

IT'S DONE ~ !!!
NEEDED TIME AROUND 30 MIN.
THE OIL PRODUCED BY MIXING ZAMO OIL WITH KUI LEAF SAP SHOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF HIDING A PERSON'S SHAAAAAAre...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I SPILLED
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WAIT
FOR ME,
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HA-
NYA!

TAIGA
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DON'T
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CAUSE?
HE'S
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PLETELY
IN LOVE
WITH
YOU.
STOP
THAT.
IT'S
BOTHER-
SOME,
RIGHT?
SO THE
UPROAR
JUST NOW
WAS
KOISHI-
KAWA?

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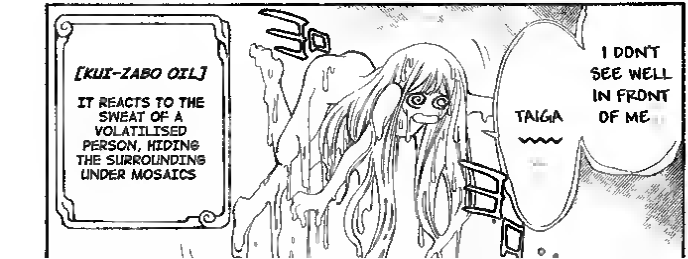
NO MATTER WHO, I'M NOT INTERESTED IN GUYS!!
YEAH, KOISHI-KAWA ISN'T ANYTHING SPECIAL.
WELL, NAOMI, SHOULD BE ABLE TO CATCH BETTER GUYS.
IT'S NOT A WASTE TO PAY A LITTLE ATTENTION TO THE BOYS TO USE AS RESEARCH.
H... HEY...
IT MIGHT BE LIKE THAT NOW, BUT THAT MAY CHANGE IN THE FUTURE.
? I FELT SOMETHING HIT MY MOUTH.
GEEZ~~~ YOU TWO ARE...
!!?
I BOUGHT THE JUICES
I...I DON'T NEED THAT RESEARCH!

WHAT KIND OF RESEARCH ARE YOU DOING!!!
DAAH NAOMI !!!
hwhwc

THAT'S OBSCENE. THAT'S OBSCENE ~!!
GYA ~~!! WHAT'S THIS?
MY MOUTH IS ~~!!


[KUI-ZABO OIL]
IT REACTS TO THE SWEAT OF A VOLATILISED PERSON, HIDING THE SURROUNDING UNDER MOSAICS
I DON'T SEE WELL IN FRONT OF ME
TAIGA ~~

**NOTE. ANOTHER PUN WITH HARD (IN THIS CASE DURA) AND TOUPEE (DURA)

MY HEAD IS HARD TO LOOK AT...
WH...
BUT IT'S NOT A TOUPEE**
...(LIE)
HO HO, YOU'RE PRETTY GOOD.
YOU MAY BE THE RIGHTFUL HEIRESS TO MY "GOOD GUY SOUL".
WELL, TO MAKE A GOOD "OLD MAN" GAG, IT'S ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL TO MAKE IT OBVIOUS (AND LAME)
I'M PRETTY CREEPY THOUGH

*NOTE WORD GAME WITH KIMO (ESSENTIAL) AND KIMOI (CREEPY)

NOOO
!!!! MY FACE HAS... MY FACE HAAAS !!!
IT HURTS! I KEEP HITTING THINGS BECAUSE I CAN'T SEE IN FRONT OF ME...
I HAVE TO HURRY AND WASH MYSELF SOMEWHERE.
HYA!
OUCH!
WITH THIS, NOBODY'S GOING TO KNOW WHO I AM
YOU'RE TOKITA-SAN OF GROUP B, RIGHT?
EH? YOU KNOW ME?
NOBODY ELSE BUT YOU HAS SUCH BOOBS ..
HEY, NO!

WHAT'S HAPPENING? IT'S AS IF I WAS SHOWING MY UNDERWEAR !!
NO !
THAT'S MEAN! IT'S LIKE IT WAS SHOW-ING THROU-GH~~!!
WHAT'S WRONG, EVERY-ONE?

WHAT'S HAPPEN-ING? IT'S RATHER NOISY...
DAH!! AIKA, YOU BECAME A GHOST !!

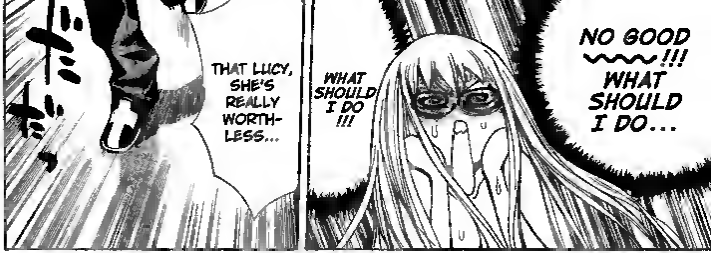
NGA...!! WHAT'S THAT FUSS!?

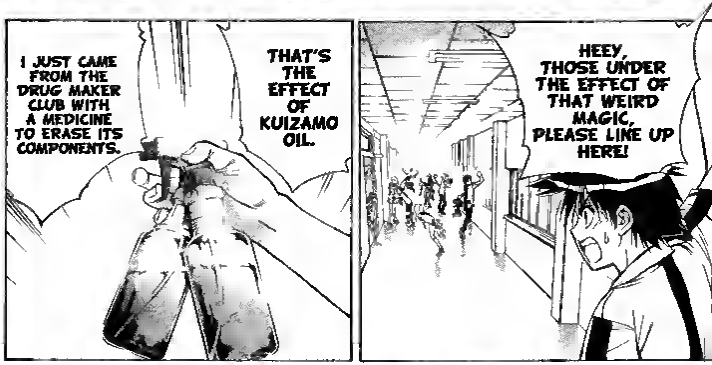
COULD IT BE LUCY?
AN INVISIBLE LITTLE THING FLOATING?
WHEN IT TOUCHED ME, I BECAME LIKE THIS...
SOME INVISIBLE LITTLE THING FLOATING IN MID-AIR..

SHE DIDN'T DO SOMETHING WEIRD, DID SHE?

THIS... LUCY HAS...
SHE DID!!
Drug Maker

!!?
I KNEW IT!
IT WAS THIS!!
IS THAT KUIZAMO OIL?
YOU CAN MIX SUCH A THING? YOU'RE AN UNPREDICTABLE MAN.
IS THAT YOU, KUZUMI?
...!
FUUU
THANK GOODNESS, I FOUND A WATER FAUCET
I FEEL RE FRESHED
HUH... COULD IT BE MY FAULT?
WHAT'S THIS?

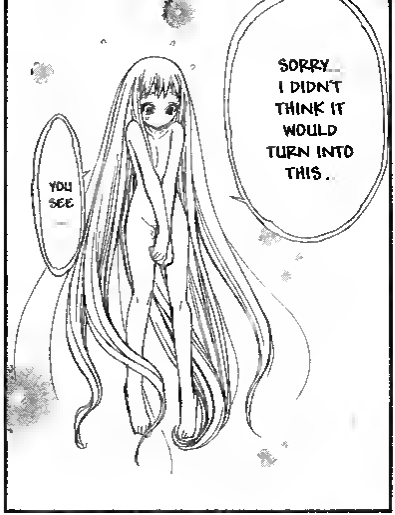

NO GOOD !!! WHAT SHOULD I DO...
WHAT SHOULD I DO !!!
THAT LUCY, SHE'S REALLY WORTH-LESS...

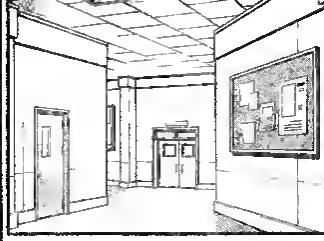

HEEY, THOSE UNDER THE EFFECT OF THAT WEIRD MAGIC, PLEASE LINE UP HERE!
THAT'S THE EFFECT OF KUIZAMO OIL.
I JUST CAME FROM THE DRUG MAKER CLUB WITH A MEDICINE TO ERASE ITS COMPONENTS.

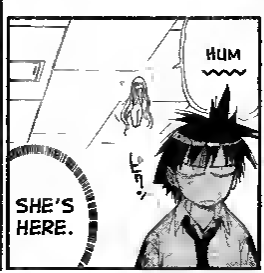
THANK YOU. I WAS WONDERING WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN.
NO KID-DING ...

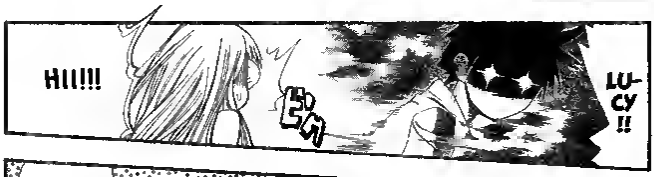
AS EXPECTED OF KUZUMI-KUN, YOU FOUND THE MEDICINE IN AN INSTANT.
HAHA... WELL, THIS IS ALSO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S DUTY...

WELL, WELL... ISN'T IT ALL RIGHT NOW? THE UPROAR HAS ALREADY CALMED DOWN.
YEAH, LET'S GO FIND HIM AND TEACH HIM A LESSON!
WHO WAS IT!? PLAYING SUCH A PRANK!
IF HE DOES IT AGAIN, I WILL PERSONALLY TAKE CARE OF HIM.
THE CULPRIT MUST ALREADY BE REFLECTING ON WHAT HE DID.
...IF KUZUMI SAYS SO...
...HAHA, I'M SAVED...
HEARING SUCH THINGS MAKES ME HAPPY.
HE'S EVEN THE MAN PUT IN CHARGE OF THE FIRST YEARS BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
WELL, IT'S KUZUMI WE SHOULDN'T HAVE ANY COMPLAINTS.
I GUESS SO.
YEAH, YEAH.
BUT EVEN IF KUZUMI DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A VERY CAPABLE PERSON,
HE HANDLED KOISHI-KAWA'S MATTER, AND NOW THIS


SORRY... I DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD TURN INTO THIS.
YOU SEE

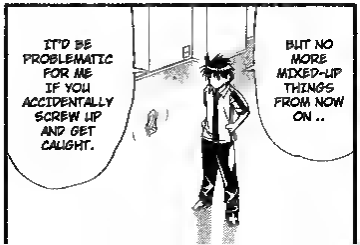



HUM
SHE'S HERE.

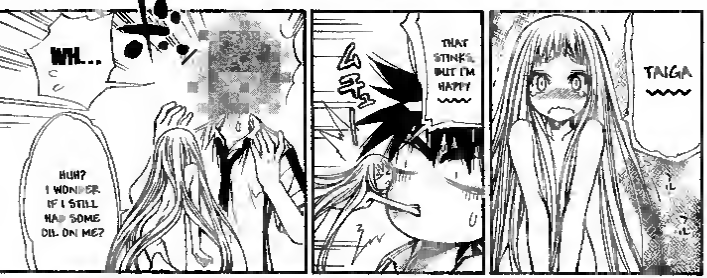

HII!!!
LU-CY !!

IT WASN'T A PRANK AT FIRST...
BESIDES, IT LOOKS LIKE I WAS YOUR ACCOMPLICE THIS TIME

I'M NOT ANGRY.
I'M KIDDING.


IT'D BE PROBLEMATIC FOR ME IF YOU ACCIDENTALLY SCREW UP AND GET CAUGHT.
BUT NO MORE MIXED-UP THINGS FROM NOW ON ..

LET'S KEEP WORKING AS A GOOD TEAM FROM NOW ON.
BUT YOU DID YOUR BEST FOR MY SAKE, AND YOU DIDN'T MEAN ANY HARM.
AND THAT WEIRD OIL DIDN'T SEEM VERY USEFUL,


WH...
HUH? I WONDER IF I STILL HAD SOME OIL ON ME?
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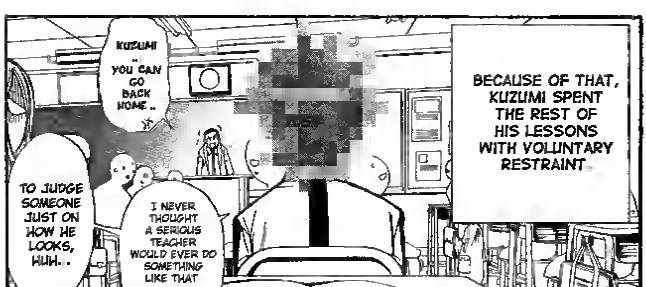
THAT STINKS, BUT I'M HAPPY
TAIGA

WHAT WILL I DO !!?
IDIOT! THERE'S NO REMOVAL MEDICINE LEFT!!
DAAH


KUZUMI ... YOU CAN GO BACK HOME..
TO JUDGE SOMEONE JUST ON HOW HE LOOKS, HUH..
I NEVER THOUGHT A SERIOUS TEACHER WOULD EVER DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT
BECAUSE OF THAT, KUZUMI SPENT THE REST OF HIS LESSONS WITH VOLUNTARY RESTRAINT

THE EXPECTATIONS OF THE CLASS ARE ON YOUR SHOULDERS...
WHAT WILL YOU DO IN THE CLASS MATCHES?

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(SUMMARY)

KUZUMI HAS ENTERED INTO A MAGIC SCHOOL HIDING THE FACT HE CAN'T USE MAGIC BUT IN THE SCHOOL HE'S FAMOUS FOR BEING THE MOST POWERFUL MAGIC USER AMONGST STUDENTS!!
KUZUMI WENT TO DADDY HIIRABI TO ASK FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM THE CLASS MATCH, BUT BECAUSE OF THE INTERVENTION ON THE PART OF DAIMON FROM GROUP F, HIS PARTICIPATION BECAME INEVITABLE
THE DAY OF THE CLASS MATCHES IS NOW HERE!!

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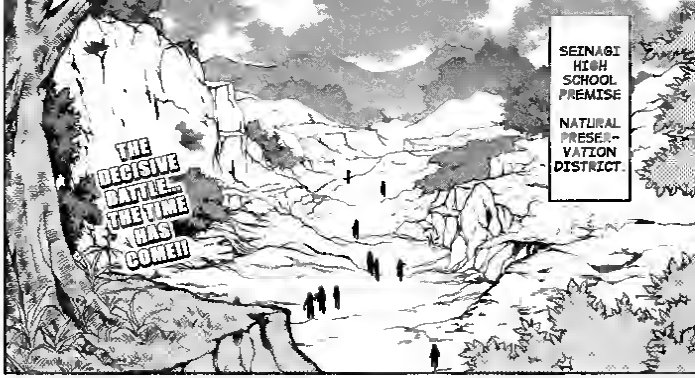
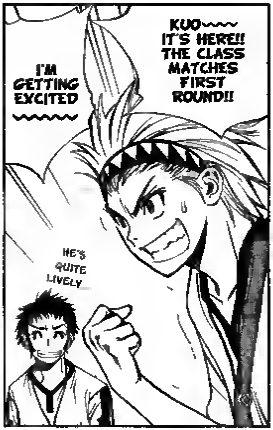
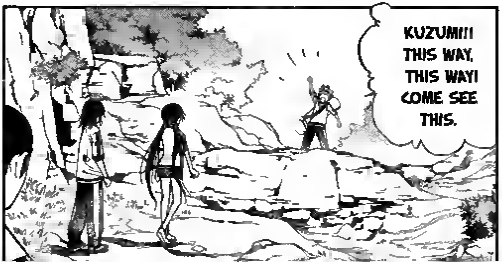

SEINAGI HIGH SCHOOL PREMISE
NATURAL PRESERVATION DISTRICT.
THE DECISIVE BATTLE... THE TIME HAS COME!!

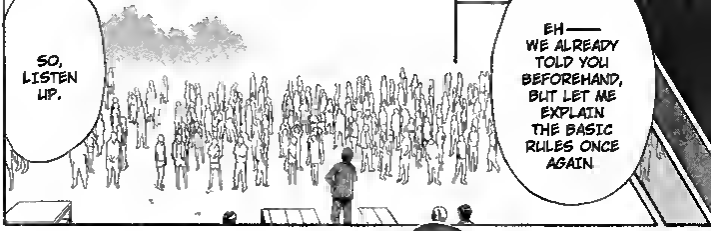
IT'S AN EVENT. WE HAVE TO ENJOY IT.
IT'S KINDA SCARY.
I'M GETTING NERVOUS.


KUO~~~ IT'S HERE!! THE CLASS MATCHES FIRST ROUND!!
I'M GETTING EXCITED
HE'S QUITE LIVELY

HAH
HAH

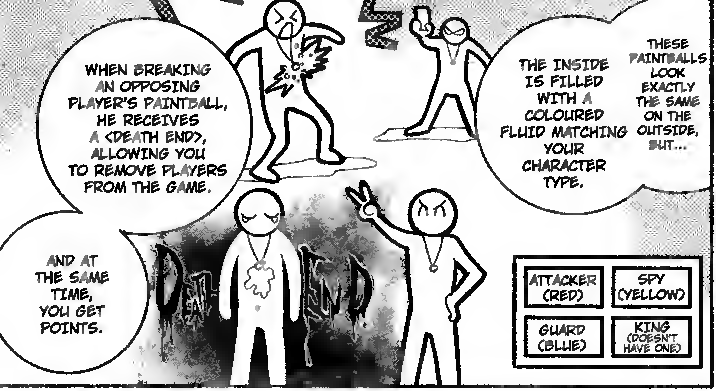

KUZUMI!! THIS WAY, THIS WAY! COME SEE THIS.

DAMN～ AFTER ALL, I WAS CHOSEN AS A PLAYER
OH MAN IT WOULD BE GREAT IF I COULD SKILLFULLY RUN AWAY, BUT...
DA～ KUZUMI, THIS SUCKS～!
WHY DID I HAVE BE CHOSEN AS A PLAYER?
SHU... SHUT UP.
THAT'S MY LINE!!
LOOK KUZUMI-KUN!!
THAT SEEMS TO BE GROUP C'S STARTING POINT
SO, THIS IS GOING TO BE OUR BASE.
HERE

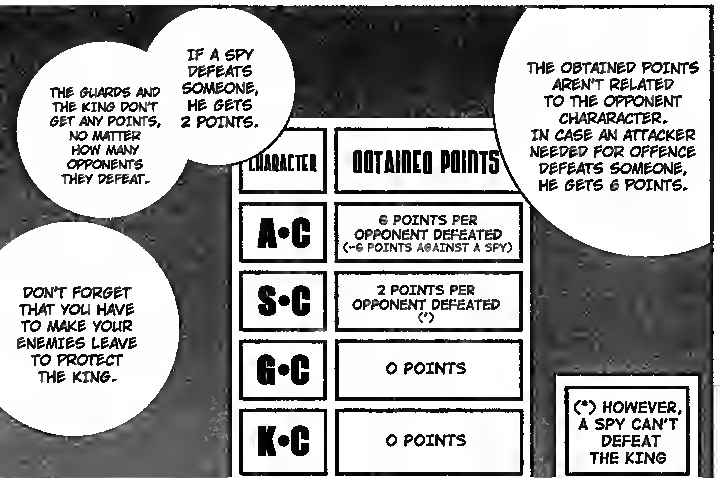

SO, LISTEN UP.
EH—— WE ALREADY TOLD YOU BEFOREHAND, BUT LET ME EXPLAIN THE BASIC RULES ONCE AGAIN

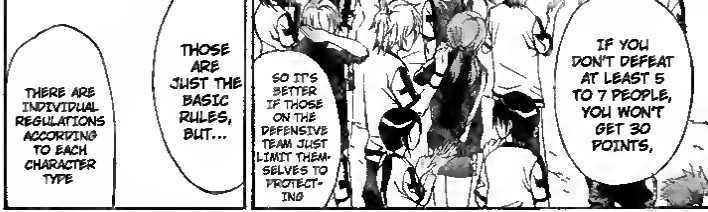
EVERYONE ALREADY KNOWS THE FIRST ROUND'S GROUP FORMATION, RIGHT?
THE MAGIC CLASS MATCHES ARE MAGIC SURVIVAL GAMES BETWEEN THE CLASSES.

DEFEATING SOMEONE MEANS THAT THEY MUST LEAVE THE MATCH.
DURING THE 3 HOURS OF GAME PLAY,
IN EACH TEAM, THERE ARE 4 ATTACKING CHARACTERS (A·C), 4 SPY CHARACTERS (S·C), 4 GUARD CHARACTERS (G·C),
EITHER BREAKING THE ENEMY KING'S BALLOON OR COLLECTING 30 POINTS BY DEFEATING THE ENEMY CHARACTERS...
AND A KING CHARACTER (K·C) WHO USES THE BALLOON HAT, WHICH MAKES A TOTAL OF 13 PEOPLE.
EVERYONE ALREADY HAS THEIR PAINTBALLS ON THEIR NECK, RIGHT?
GRANTS YOU VICTORY!!

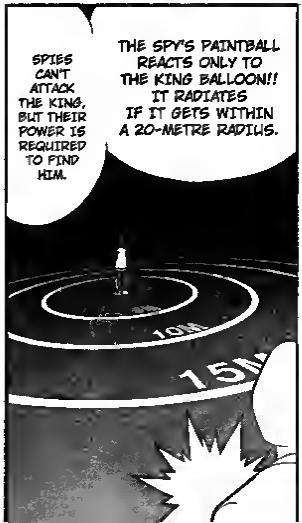

WHEN BREAKING AN OPPOSING PLAYER'S PAINTBALL, HE RECEIVES A <DEATH END>, ALLOWING YOU TO REMOVE PLAYERS FROM THE GAME.
AND AT THE SAME TIME, YOU GET POINTS.
THE INSIDE IS FILLED WITH A COLOURED FLUID MATCHING YOUR CHARACTER TYPE.
THESE PAINTBALLS LOOK EXACTLY THE SAME ON THE OUTSIDE, BUT...
ATTACKER (RED)
SPY (YELLOW)
GUARD (BLUE)
KING (DOESN'T HAVE ONE)

BE CAREFUL OF NOT LEAVING AFTER THE FIRST SHOT.
AND REMOVING OR HIDING THE PAINTBALL FROM YOUR BODY IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN!
HOWEVER, CAUSING INJURIES TO AN OPPONENT TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY NEEDS MEDICAL TREATMENT.


THE GUARDS AND THE KING DON'T GET ANY POINTS, NO MATTER HOW MANY OPPONENTS THEY DEFEAT.
IF A SPY DEFEATS SOMEONE, HE GETS 2 POINTS.
THE OBTAINED POINTS AREN'T RELATED TO THE OPPONENT CHARACTER. IN CASE AN ATTACKER NEEDED FOR OFFENCE DEFEATS SOMEONE, HE GETS 6 POINTS.
DON'T FORGET THAT YOU HAVE TO MAKE YOUR ENEMIES LEAVE TO PROTECT THE KING.
CHARACTER
OBTAINED POINTS
A•C
6 POINTS PER OPPONENT DEFEATED (-6 POINTS AGAINST A SPY)
S•C
2 POINTS PER OPPONENT DEFEATED (*)
G•C
0 POINTS
K•C
0 POINTS
(*) HOWEVER, A SPY CAN'T DEFEAT THE KING


THERE ARE INDIVIDUAL REGULATIONS ACCORDING TO EACH CHARACTER TYPE
THOSE ARE JUST THE BASIC RULES, BUT...
SO IT'S BETTER IF THOSE ON THE DEFENSIVE TEAM JUST LIMIT THEMSELVES TO PROTECTING
IF YOU DON'T DEFEAT AT LEAST 5 TO 7 PEOPLE, YOU WON'T GET 30 POINTS,

IN THE CASE WHERE ANOTHER CHARACTER WAS TO BREAK IT, THE OPPOSITE WOULD OCCUR AND YOU WOULD LOSE BY FOUL PLAY. BE CAREFUL WITH THAT!!
FIRST, THE KING'S BALLOON CAN ONLY BE BROKEN BY AN ATTACKER.


SPIES CAN'T ATTACK THE KING, BUT THEIR POWER IS REQUIRED TO FIND HIM.
THE SPY'S PAINTBALL REACTS ONLY TO THE KING BALLOON!! IT RADIATES IF IT GETS WITHIN A 20-METRE RADIUS.
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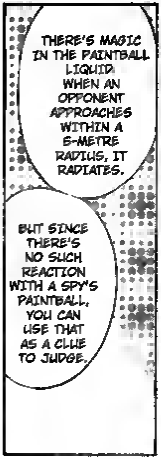
15M


THERE'S MAGIC IN THE PAINTBALL LIQUID. WHEN AN OPPONENT APPROACHES WITHIN A 5-METRE RADIUS, IT RADIATES.
BUT SINCE THERE'S NO SUCH REACTION WITH A SPY'S PAINTBALL, YOU CAN USE THAT AS A CLUE TO JUDGE.

ALSO, WHEN AN ATTACKER DEFEATS A SPY, ASIDE FROM MAKING HIM LEAVE THE GAME, HE GETS A 6-POINT PENALTY AS A SPECIAL RULE!
S
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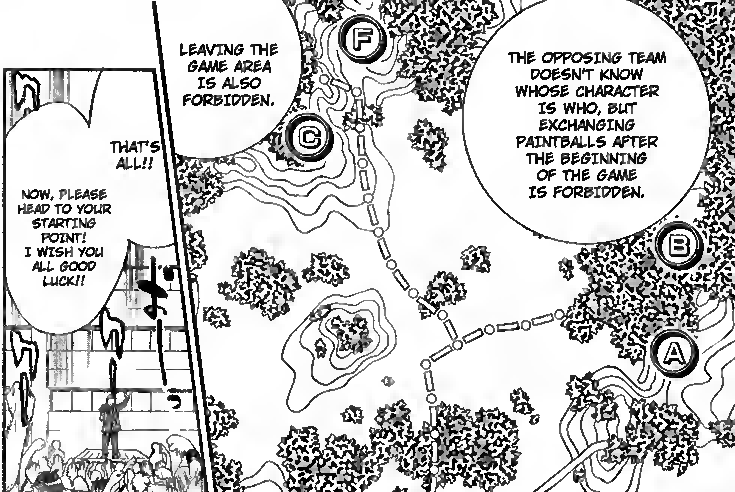
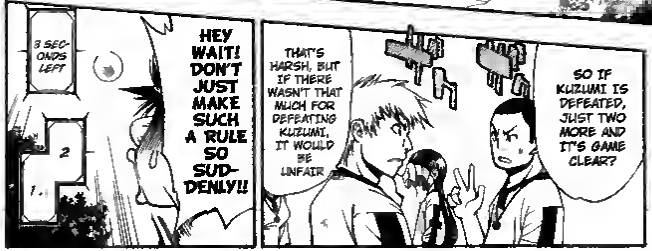

THAT'S ALL!!
NOW, PLEASE HEAD TO YOUR STARTING POINT! I WISH YOU ALL GOOD LUCK!!
LEAVING THE GAME AREA IS ALSO FORBIDDEN.
THE OPPOSING TEAM DOESN'T KNOW WHOSE CHARACTER IS WHO, BUT EXCHANGING PAINTBALLS AFTER THE BEGINNING OF THE GAME IS FORBIDDEN.
F
C
B
A
D
E

SINCE I'M THE KING, I WONDER IF I SHOULD STAY HERE.
GROUP C (KING) MOMOSE
GROUP C'S STARTING POINT
...AND IT'S LIKE THAT, SO...
BASICALLY THE OPPONENT KING'S BALLOON IS THE GOAL AND WE DESTROY AS MANY OPPONENT TEAM MEMBERS ON THE WAY.

LIKE WE PREVIOUSLY PLANNED, THE GUARDS WILL FOCUS ON PROTECTING AND TIGHTLY CREATING AN ESCAPE ROUTE FOR THE KING.
THEN WAIT FOR THE RESULTS OF THE ATTACK GROUP AND GO ON A FULL-FRONTAL ATTACK.
(GUARD) TSUGIHARA
(GUARD) ISE
(GUARD) IZUMO
(GUARD) KAGENUMA
YEAH !!
(ATTACKER) MIKUNI
IT'S DANGEROUS IF WE MOVE AROUND CARELESSLY.
UNTIL THE OPPONENT COMES, ISN'T IT BETTER TO STAY HERE?
(ATTACKER) TAJIMA
(ATTACKER) ITSUTSUMIMOTO
AND I THINK THEY'LL MAKE THEIR MAIN TARGET THE BALLOON.
GROUP 2 WILL AVOID EARNING RECKLESS POINTS.
BUT WE HAVE KUZUMI ON OUR SIDE.
(SPY) HATA
(SPY) INUI
(SPY) HIINAGI
(SPY) TSUGAWA
I REALLY WANT TO BE THE KING OR A GUARD.
THIS IS..
Y...YOU KNOW...
TAIGA!! TAIGA!!
DAMN~~~ I THOUGHT I COULD DECEIVE THEM BY BEING ON THE DEFENSIVE TEAM WITHOUT USING MAGIC...
AS I THOUGHT
NO WAY~~~ !!!
IT'S A WASTE~~~ !!
ARE YOU STUPID!?

I...IDIOT. DON'T TALK TO ME WHEN THERE ARE PEOPLE AROUND!!
THE MAIN POINT IS TO PREAK THE ENEMY BALLOON. FIGHT?
SHOULD I GO AND DO IT?
DON'T, THERE'S A REFEREE CLOSELY LOOKING OVER THE AREA.
WE WON'T WIN IF THE BALLOON BREAKS WITHOUT A REASON.
HMM...
3 MINUTES REMAINING BEFORE THE GAME BEGINS.
I WILL NOW COMMUNICATE A NEW RULE ESTABLISHED FOR THE GROUP C VERSUS GROUP D MATCH.
THERE'S ONE STUDENT IN GROUP C WITH MAGIC POWER THAT STANDS OUT AMONGST ALL FIRST YEARS.
IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE GAME'S FAIRNESS, AFTER A DISCUSSION, WE CAME UP WITH THE FOLLING DECISION
THAT PLAYER IS KUZUMI TAIGA!!
WE HAVE CREATED A VIP CHARACTER FOR HIM.
VIP ?
(REFEREE BALL)
RELAY CAMERA CREATED BY MAGIC TEACHER USING MAGIC USED TO VERIFY AND REFEREE THE BATTLE BETWEEN STUDENTS

IF THE VIP CHARACTER IS DEFEATED, THE OPPONENT TEAM GAINS 3 TIMES THE ESTABLISHED POINTS.
DAH... 3 TIMES?
18 POINTS JUST FOR ME!?
YOU SERI-OUS !?


SO IF KUZUMI IS DEFEATED, JUST TWO MORE AND IT'S GAME CLEAR?
THAT'S HARSH, BUT IF THERE WASN'T THAT MUCH FOR DEFEATING KUZUMI, IT WOULD BE UNFAIR
HEY WAIT! DON'T JUST MAKE SUCH A RULE SO SUD-DENLY!!
3 SEC-ONDS LEFT
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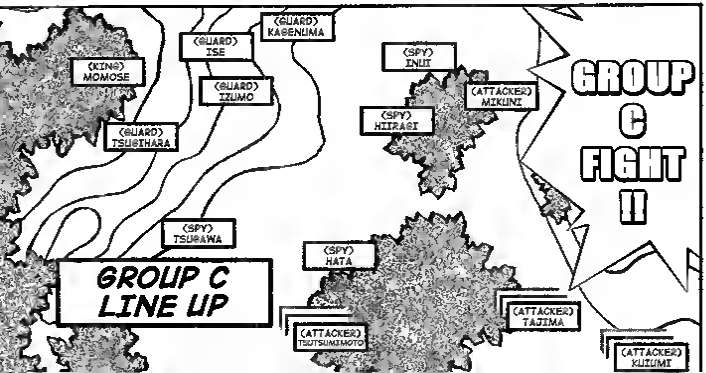
FIRST MATCH, START !!!
YOU LISTEN-ING TO ME !?

YOU! IF YOU GET DEFEATED, A "SORRY" WON'T BE GOOD ENOUGH!!!
KUZUMI!! THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO. IT HAS ALREADY BEEN DECIDED, SO DON'T GET FOOLED.
EVERYONE, PUT SOME EFFORT INTO IT !!!
ALL RIGHT, IT STARTED !!
H-HEY!!
HII~~~!! A SUPER VIP TREATMENT !!!
WE'LL MAKE YOU EVERY-ONE'S SLAVE FOR A YEAR IF YOU DO.

LET'S DO OUR BEST !!
AAAN KUMI~~!! I'M SO NERVOUS.


GROUP C LINE UP
(KING) MOMOSE
(GUARD) ISE
(GUARD) KABENUMA
(GUARD) IZUMO
(GUARD) TSUBIHARA
(SPY) INUI
(ATTACKER) MIKUNI
(SPY) HIRAGI
(SPY) TSUKAWA
(SPY) HATA
(ATTACKER) TSUTSUMIMOTO
(ATTACKER) TAJIMA
(ATTACKER) KUZUMI
GROUP C FIGHT !!

HYA!
DAMN...
WHAT AN EXCESSIVE RULE.
OOH... NOBODY'S HERE.
CRAP! THIS IS NO JOKE!
I WAS THINKING OF HIDING AROUND SO I WOULDN'T MEET ANYONE AT THE BEGINNING.
I WAS BETTING ON THE FACT THAT BECAUSE OF MY "GOLD PLATE" STATUS, NO ONE WOULD STRAY OUT OF THEIR WAY TO COME AFTER ME, BUT
BECAUSE OF THAT STUPID RULE, I'VE BEEN MADE INTO A TASTY TARGET...
LOOKS LIKE I WILL HAVE TO GAMBLE ON IT...

HMM... WE DID COME TO AN AGREEMENT OF NOT CONFRONTING KUZUMI EVEN IF WE MET WITH HIM, BUT...
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
GROUP D'S START-ING POINT
HEY, THAT'S 18 POINTS!
YOU'RE RIGHT !!
FOR SUCH A HUGE AMOUNT OF POINTS, WE SHOULD TRY TO TAKE HIM DOWN EVEN IF WE SUFFER SOME SACRIFICE
LET'S TRY ATTACKING KUZUMI WITH THE LOW-RISK SPIES, ALL FOUR OF THEM AT ONCE.
!!!
THAT'S ...

TH-THAT BASTARD! HE'S SLEEPING THERE IN PLAIN SIGHT!
KUZUMI !!
HE'S MAKING FUN OF US...
LET'S SCATTER AND SURROUND HIM FROM ALL DIRECTIONS!!
HOW MANY ARE THERE ?
HM?
SO YOU'VE COME...?
THE GUYS FROM GROUP D, RIGHT?
WH-!!?

WHAT KIND OF MASTERY IS THIS?
WH
3... ? NO.
4, RIGHT ?
I'LL DISTRACT HIM!! I'M COUNTING ON YOU GUYS TO USE THAT OPENING!
BASTARD!! IF YOU'VE FOUND OUT, THERE'S NO OTHER CHOICE!!
JUSTICE HOOK ROPE!!!

HII...
!!!
I GOT YOU.

WAIT!! DON'T MOVE.
EVEN IF I'M NOT FREE, I CAN STILL USE MAGIC.
IF YOU COME ONE STEP CLOSER, IT'S "GAME OVER" FOR YOU.
!!?
YOU WOULDN'T LIKE TO LEAVE SO QUICKLY, WOULD YOU?
LIKE THE GLASSES GUY AT THE BACK...
SURPLUS AMBUSH ATTACK !!
WH...
WHEN DID HE
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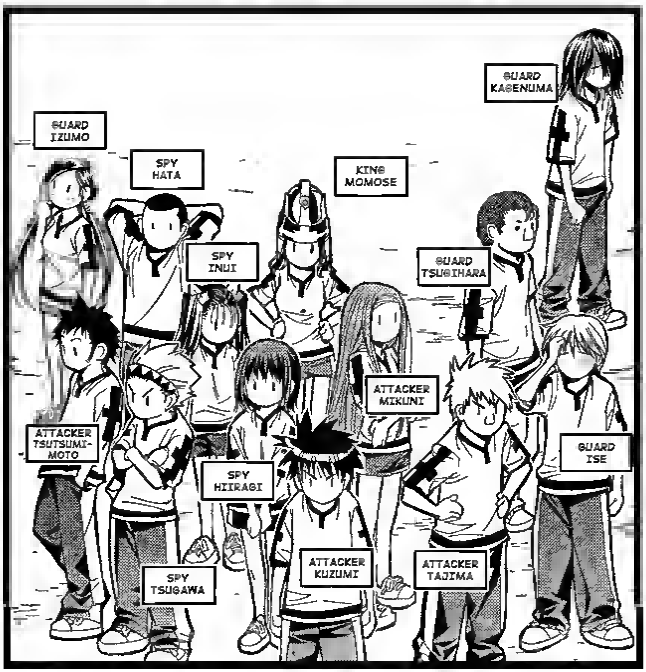
THOSE CONFIDENT IN THEIR HAND AT MAGIC (EXCLUDING OUR PROTAGONIST), CLASS C'S WARRIORS UNITE!



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(MAGIC CLASS MATCHES RULES)

[VICTORY CONDITIONS]

1 BREAK THE ENEMY KING'S BALLOON
2 OBTAIN 30 POINTS BY BREAKING THE ENEMY CHARACTER'S PAINTBALLS

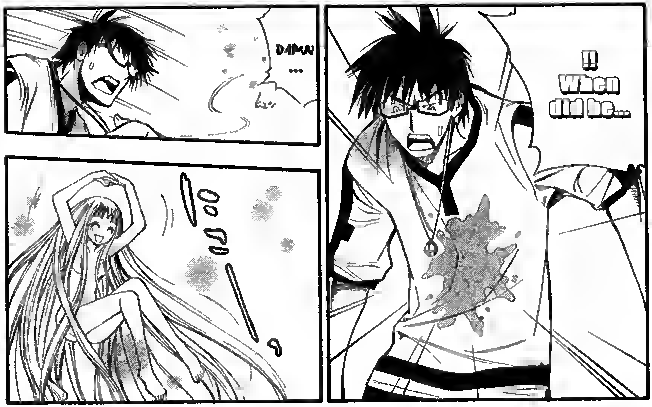
[OBTAINED POINTS]

ATTACKER (A-C) ··· 6 POINTS PER DEFEATED OPPONENT
(-6 POINTS IF A SPY IS DEFEATED)

SPY (S-C) ··· 2 POINTS PER DEFEATED OPPONENT
(CANNOT DEFEAT THE KING)

GUARD (G-C), KING (K-C) ··· 0 POINTS

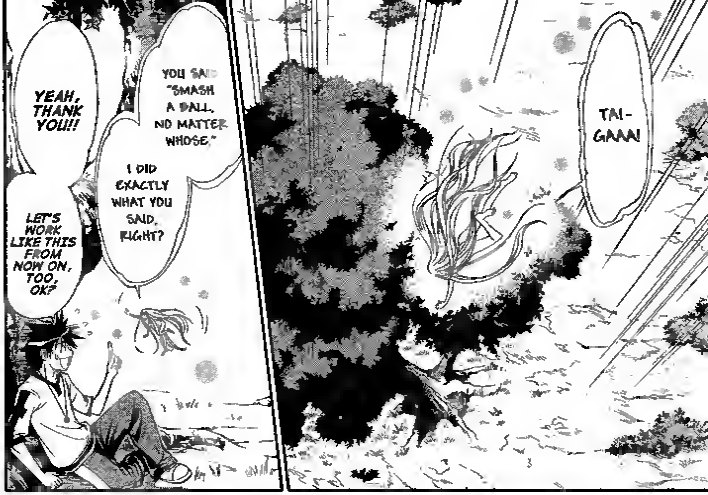
YOU, THE GUY AT THE BACK,
SORRY, BUT I HAD TO SACRI-FICE YOU.
THE OTHER GUYS, TOO! I WILL SMASH YOUR PAINTBALLS IF YOU MOVE.
OVER-WHELMING KUZUMII!! BUT, BEHIND IT IS!?


DAMN ...
!! When did he...

AND HE DOESN'T EVEN CARE ABOUT DECREASING POINTS!!!
HOWEVER THE OPPONENT WAS A SPY, GROUP C GETS -6 POINTS.
PLAYER SHIMADA IS RETIRED.
PLAYER KUZUMI OF GROUP C HAS DEFEATED PLAYER SHIMADA OF GROUP D!!
SUCH AN ACCURATE ATTACK AT THIS RANGE WITHOUT BEING NOTICED...
IS THAT A JOKE? SHIMADA IS STILL 20 METERS AWAY FROM HIM.
I DON'T CARE ABOUT A PLUS OR A MINUS, AS LONG AS I GET TO THE KING IT'S MY WIN.
WELL, WE'VE ONLY JUST BE-GUN.
YOU THREE! I'M LETTING YOU GO FOR NOW. ONCE YOU'VE POLISHED YOUR STRATEGY, YOU ARE WELCOME TO TRY AGAIN.

IT WOULDN'T BE FUN TO MAKE YOU LOSE 4 PEOPLE SO SOON.
YOU WANT TO PLAY A LITTLE LONGER, TOO, DON'T YOU?
BUT IF YOU COME AT ME, I WILL GLADLY BECOME YOUR OPPONENT.
U... UWA ...
H-HEY! LET'S RETREAT FOR NOW!!
DAMN ...
MAGIC OUT!
H-HI!

HA...
AGA...
IT ALL WENT WELL...
HA
HA
HA
THANK GOOD-NESS...


TAI-GAAA!
YOU SAID "SMASH A BALL, NO MATTER WHOSE."
I DID EXACTLY WHAT YOU SAID, RIGHT?
YEAH, THANK YOU!!!
LET'S WORK LIKE THIS FROM NOW ON, TOO, OK?

THANKS TO YOU, THE OTHER GUYS FROM GROUP D WILL BE WARNED, TOO, AND WON'T GET CLOSE FOR A WHILE.
THEY ALL WONDERFULLY RAN AWAY ♡
LET'S GO AND DEFEAT MORE OPPONENTS JUST LIKE THIS!!

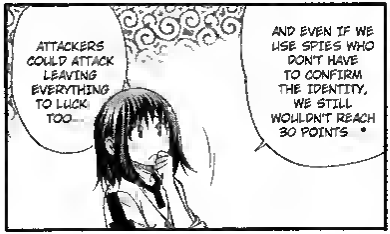
NO, THAT WOULD BE DIFFICULT. I CAN'T USE THIS TRICK MORE THAN ONCE.
IT WORKED WELL BECAUSE FOR THE FIRST 15 OR SO MINUTES, EVERYONE IS CARELESS, BUT...
IF A LOT OF PEOPLE START TO RETIRE, THE GUARDING OF THE PAINTBALLS WILL ONLY GET TIGHTER

IT SEEMS THAT IT'S COME TO THE POINT WHERE IF THINGS LOOK BAD, I'M GOING TO HAVE TO LOOK FOR AN ALL-OR-NOTHING TACTIC...

WELL, IT'S NOT LIKE I HAVE TO USE MAGIC TO BREAK THE PAINTBALLS OR THE BALLOON.

THAT'S AMAZING HUH? IT LOOKS LIKE KUZUMI-KUN HAS ALREADY DEFEATED SOMEONE ON HIS OWN
GROUP C HITS 0 POINTS.
PLAYER SHIMADA IS RETIRED

*NOTE 12 MEMBERS OF A CLASS (WITHOUT COUNTING THE KING OF COURSE) *2 = 24 AND 24 < 30

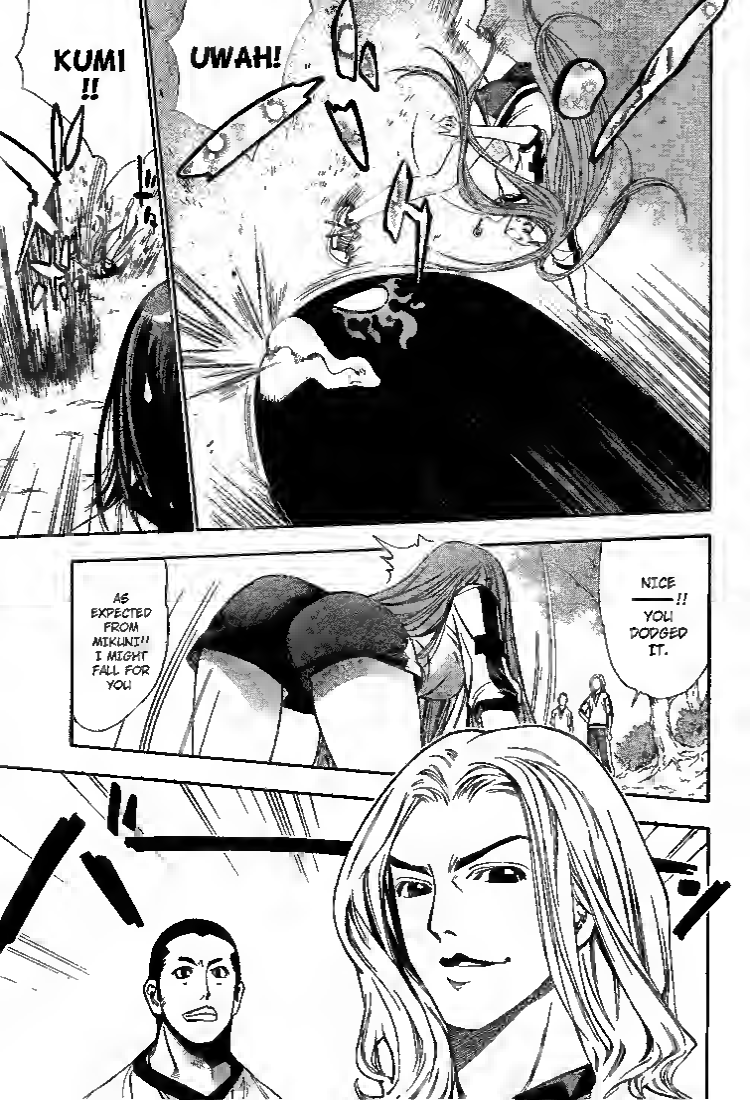

AND EVEN IF WE USE SPIES WHO DON'T HAVE TO CONFIRM THE IDENTITY, WE STILL WOULDN'T REACH 30 POINTS *
ATTACKERS COULD ATTACK LEAVING EVERYTHING TO LUCK TOO...

YEAH, FIRST OF ALL WE HAVE TO VERIFY IF THE PAINTBALL SHINES WHEN APPROACHING WITHIN 5 METERS
PAINTBALLS DON'T SHINE WHEN A SPY APPROACHES

**NOTE WORD GAME WITH SPY/FAILURE WHICH ARE PRONOUNCED THE SAME WAY IN JAPANESE

SO AIMING FOR THE BALLOON IS THE BEST WAY..
AIKA, COULD YOU GO LOOK FOR THE KING WHILE YOU ARE INVISIBLE? ONCE YOU FIND IT, I, AS AN ATTACKER, WILL FINISH HIM AT ONCE.
BUT I CAN ONLY DISAPPEAR FOR 20 MINUTES AT A TIME.
AND IF I DO THAT AT THE MOUNT, THE SOUND OF MY FOOTSTEPS WILL EXPOSE ME..
I SEE, IT WOULDN'T GO WELL
THERE ARE PEOPLE DIRECTION SOUTH-WEST.
HMP? ARE THEY MEN? IF SO, I PASS.
NO, THERE ARE ONLY 3 GIRLS
REALLY? ALL RIGHT, I FEEL THE WILL TO DO IT.
I'LL GO TAKE A LOOK.

HEY.
THAT PLANE
EH?
AH!!
HASN'T IT BEEN FLYING AROUND HERE FOR A WHILE?
NO GOOD... ISN'T THAT AN ENEMY MAGIC!?
LET'S GET AWAY FROM HERE !!!


KUMI !!
UWAH!
AS EXPECTED FROM MIKUNI!! I MIGHT FALL FOR YOU.
NICE !! YOU DODGED IT.

OK!
FOL-LOW THEM.
YEAH!
IT'S THE ENEMY!! MITCHON, AIKA!
SCAT-TER!
EARTH BONZE !!!
I'LL BE YOUR OPPONENT !!
THIS THING —!!
DAH!

JUST A SEC !!
I'M A SPY, YOU KNOW!
IF YOU MAKE ANY WRONG MOVES, YOU MIGHT LOSE POINTS
IT SEEMS YOU ARE AN ATTACKER, MIKUNI.
THAT'S WHAT YOU SAID A WHILE AGO.
THE MORE YOU OPEN YOUR MOUTH, THE MORE LIKELY YOU ARE TO PUT YOUR FOOT IN IT RIGHT?
BEING A SPY HAS ITS DOWNSIDES AS WELL, RIGHT?
NOT REALLY. I CAN CAPTURE AND LEAVE IT TO AN ATTACKER TO FINISH YOU.
ONCE THAT EARTH BONZE EATS HIS OPPONENT, HE DOESN'T LET GO
DURING THAT TIME, COULDN'T WE BECOME CLOSER? I LIKE YOU A LOT
WAH ...!!!
JUST KIDDING. SINCE I SAID I'M A SPY, YOU CAN'T ATTACK ME BACK, CAN YOU?

DAMN... DOES THAT MEAN HE IS THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN ATTACK?
IS HE REALLY A SPY TO BEGIN WITH? COULD IT BE A BLUFF TO TRICK ME INTO NOT ATTACKING?
OH? YOU DOUBT ME?
THEN WHY DON'T YOU COME HERE AND MAKE SURE OF IT?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME THAT.
!!?
BIG NEEDLE !!!
IDIOT, THERE ISN'T ONLY ONE EARTH BONZE!
A FINGER ATTACK!!

HOO, NICE, YOU'RE PLAYING SONGOKU !?
BUT, UNFORTUNATELY FOR YOU BY ESCAPING UP THERE YOU HAVE RUN OUT OF ESCAPE ROUTES
WHETHER YOU FALL BY USING UP ALL YOUR POWER OR STAY CONFINED THERE,
IT SEEMS I'LL HAVE ALL THE TIME I WANT TO SEDUCE YOU
"IL NOME MIKUNI IS USING HER NEEDLE LIKE SONGOKU (FROM GENSOU MADEN SAIYUKI CHINESE STORY) WITH HIS NYOIBO

IT'S A MAGIC TO GET CLOSE TO YOU.
THAT'S A SHAME FOR YOU.
THIS ONE ISN'T FOR RUNNING AWAY.
HAA !!
!?

SO IT WAS REALLY A LIE AFTER ALL
WH...
YOU'RE NOT A SPY.
GROUP C IS STRONG!!
MAGIC OUT.
AND IT SEEMS YOUR CUTE SERVANTS WON'T MAKE IT IN TIME
SORRY, BUT I DON'T HAVE TIME TO LOSE BY BEING SEDUCED BY A GUY!!
HERE, IT'S OVER!!
PLAYER MIKUNI OF GROUP C, 6 POINTS GET ～!!!
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